

# OUR HISTORY OF SERVICE WITH A PURPOSE



90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

2009 - 2023



To the Ohio State Highway Patrol family –

Our retirees, whose legacy paved  
the way for us.

Our active employees who are  
providing Service with a Purpose  
across Ohio every day.

# *Dedication*



It is my distinct honor to present this 90th anniversary history book for the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Previous history books for the 60th and 75th anniversaries went back to our founding and captured our history up until the anniversaries in 1993 and 2008 respectively. This history book tells our story from 2009 through June 30, 2023.

Our family is comprised of our active personnel and our retirees. Every family is tied together through generations by shared stories and experiences. I hope in the pages of this book you are inspired by the stories of our successes, and humbled by the challenges we have faced and overcome.

When the Ohio State Highway Patrol was created in 1933, our founders envisioned an agency that showed compassion and sincerity. One that promoted the safety and welfare for all Ohioans.

If you look back through 90 years of our storied legacy, you will see that our previous superintendents each had their own ideas and philosophies, but the mission has always been the same – to save lives. I want to express gratitude to our retired superintendents whose tenures are reflected in this book. Your time and contributions during the development of this book were extremely insightful and meaningful.

And to the countless employees who worked to bring this book to fruition, thank you for creating a lasting memory for our historical archives.

As members of the Ohio State Highway Patrol family, take pride in these pages that show where you were purposeful – when your presence was an opportunity to serve with the most sincere of intentions, always being reflective in our work.

God bless our fallen. God bless the families. And, God bless the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

Colonel Charles A. Jones  
Superintendent





On behalf of all Ohioans, I congratulate the Ohio State Highway Patrol on its 90th anniversary.

Since 1933, the patrol has been enforcing motor vehicle laws on Ohio's roadways to ensure the safety of the driving public, saving countless lives in the process. Today, enhancing traffic safety to reduce fatalities remains the patrol's No. 1 goal.

An increasing threat to driver safety is distracted driving, particularly from motorists using cellphones and other electronic devices. With the enactment of Ohio's new distracted driving law, we will be depending on the patrol to enforce it and help change the mindset of those drivers who routinely multitask while driving and put everyone at risk.

I am certain our troopers are up to the task. My wife, Fran, and I spend a lot of time with members of the patrol every day, and we get to see firsthand the way they carry out their duties with the highest level of professionalism and courtesy. We are fortunate in Ohio to have such an excellent law enforcement agency.

To all of the members of our Ohio State Highway Patrol – past and present – thank you for your service to the State of Ohio.

Very respectfully yours,

Mike DeWine  
Governor

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Congratulations to the men and women of the Ohio State Highway Patrol as we celebrate and reflect on the Highway Patrol's 90 years of dedicated service to the people of the State of Ohio.

It is my honor to serve as the director of an agency where we wake up every day and dedicate ourselves to exemplifying the ideal of "Service with a Purpose." To those who are featured in the pages of this book, you have my profound thanks for sustaining this legacy through your commitment to positively impacting the quality of life and safety throughout the State of Ohio. The professionalism you demonstrate every day is a direct reflection of your discipline, the leadership culture of your posts, districts, and units, and your own personal code of conduct.

For the past nine decades, the Patrol has earned its reputation as one of the premier law enforcement agencies in the country. The Department of Public Safety's executive team will continue to work alongside the men and women of the Ohio State Highway Patrol as we strive to ensure that Ohio remains the safest possible place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,

Andy Wilson  
Director, Ohio Department of Public Safety





# HONOR ROLL OF HIGHWAY PATROL PERSONNEL KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY

SERGEANT JOHN F. BEST  
*June 17, 1935*

PATROLMAN LEROY S. BEDELL  
*August 20, 1935*

PATROLMAN JAMES E. IVORY  
*January 7, 1936*

PATROLMAN CHARLES W. TIMBERLAKE  
*August 7, 1936*

PATROLMAN KARL E. BUSHONG  
*June 7, 1937*

PATROLMAN GEORGE A. CONN  
*September 27, 1937*

PATROLMAN CHARLES G. CANNON  
*January 1, 1938*

PATROLMAN JOHN G. HOUGH  
*December 3, 1940*

PATROLMAN PAUL L. MCMANIS  
*September 28, 1941*

CORPORAL JOHN E. RUCH  
*March 4, 1942*

LIEUTENANT VANCE M. ANDREWS  
*November 21, 1945*

PATROLMAN JAMES P. GARDNER  
*February 28, 1948*

PATROLMAN HARRY D. GRIMES  
*June 8, 1952*

PATROLMAN JAMES A. FREDERICKA  
*May 8, 1953*

CHIEF RADIO OPERATOR  
WALTER E. DAWSON  
*May 31, 1953*

AUXILIARY OFFICER EARL F. ULMER  
*July 12, 1953*

PATROLMAN EARL W. CASTERLINE  
*October 19, 1953*

PATROLMAN FRANK J. HOSSLER  
*September 22, 1956*

PATROLMAN ROBERT E. KARSMIZKI  
*March 31, 1957*

PATROLMAN ERNEST E. COLE  
*October 3, 1964*

OHIO INVESTIGATIVE UNIT AGENT  
JAMES B. BURNS  
*November 7, 1964*

AUXILIARY OFFICER  
DALE R. WARRINGTON  
*August 29, 1965*

PATROLMAN JON D. BIRCHEM  
*February 27, 1967*

SERGEANT HAROLD K. HANNING  
*August 6, 1970*

LIEUTENANT JAMES A. KIRKENDALL  
*October 28, 1970*

PATROLMAN JOEL F. MILLER  
*December 6, 1971*

PATROLMAN CARL L. THRUSH  
*February 6, 1972*

PATROLMAN WILLIAM J. KELLER  
*October 14, 1972*

PATROLMAN DAVID L. STERNER  
*February 25, 1973*

PATROLMAN JERRY R. NEFF  
*January 30, 1974*

SERGEANT EDWARD G. MOORE  
*July 23, 1976*

TROOPER CHARLES V. VOGEL JR.  
*January 24, 1980*

TROOPER WILLIAM R. BENDER  
*November 20, 1982*

TROOPER JODY S. DYE  
*July 5, 1985*

LOAD LIMIT INSPECTOR  
RALPH E. MORROW  
*November 23, 1987*

LOAD LIMIT INSPECTOR  
PAUL C. EBERHART  
*November 27, 1987*

TROOPER WENDY G. EVERETT  
*August 5, 1988*

TROOPER KENNETH A. MALONEY  
*July 28, 1990*

TROOPER JAMES R. GROSS  
*January 19, 1996*

TROOPER ROBERT PEREZ JR.  
*May 15, 2000*

TROOPER FRANK G. VAZQUEZ  
*November 6, 2001*

SERGEANT DALE R. HOLCOMB  
*September 28, 2006*

TROOPER JOSHUA P. RISNER  
*September 28, 2006*

TROOPER JACK P. HOLLAND II  
*August 21, 2007*

TROOPER ANDREW C. BALDRIDGE  
*February 4, 2010*

TROOPER KENNETH VELEZ  
*September 15, 2016*

MOTOR CARRIER ENFORCEMENT  
INSPECTOR KIMRA J. SKELTON  
*November 27, 2019*

DISPATCHER ANTHONY J. D'APOLITO  
*March 17, 2021*

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“Rev” as he was known to so many, provided post-critical incident aftercare for Ohio’s safety service personnel.



## REVEREND RICHARD D. ELLSWORTH

For 30 years, Reverend Richard D. Ellsworth served the women and men of the Ohio State Highway Patrol with wisdom, unwavering loyalty and grace in his role as our State Chaplain.

He was the voice of care when we were hurting. He was the laughter when we needed a lighter moment. He was the light when we felt dark, guiding us through times of trouble. He walked beside us and presided over weddings, baptisms, promotions and retirements.

On May 24, 2021, Reverend Ellsworth officially retired from the active rank of State Chaplain, upon which Colonel Richard S. Fambro announced his new status of Chaplain Emeritus.

“Rev,” as he was known to so many, had countless notable contributions including creating the Patrol’s Chaplaincy Program, acting as chaplain for Ohio ASSIST (Aiding Safety Services with Incident Survival Techniques), which provides post-critical incident aftercare for Ohio’s safety service personnel, and at Ground Zero in New York City following the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001.

He was a proud WWII Veteran, serving in both the European and Pacific Theaters. Recognized in multiple ways for his selfless service with the military, his citizenship and work with law enforcement, he was the only non-sworn recipient of the Patrol’s prestigious Colonel Robert



M. Chiamonte Humanitarian Award. In 2016, he was presented with the Military Service Award from the Ohio Department of Public Safety.



Appointed State Chaplain by Colonel Thomas W. Rice on May 24, 1991– exactly 30 years to the day of his retirement – he served faithfully under nine Patrol superintendents until his passing on August 25, 2021.

To honor their love and service to the Patrol, on May 9, 2014, an eternal flame was dedicated to Reverend Ellsworth and his wife of 65 years, Linda, which burns in front of the memorial in the Patrol’s Training Academy courtyard. The eternal flame honors those officers who lost their lives in the line of duty while keeping Ohio and America safe. It will forever be a symbol of courage, hope and the rich legacy “Rev” brought to the Patrol.

He spoke frequently about “Service above self,” but more importantly, he showed us what it meant through his faith, mentorship and personification of excellence in service.



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## 60 TROOPERS ASSIST WITH SECURITY AT PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

On January 20, 2009, a contingent of 60 Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers traveled to Washington D.C. to provide assistance and security at the inauguration of President Barack Obama. Patrol troopers were stationed along the Pennsylvania Avenue parade route near where the presidential motorcade stopped as President Barack Obama, Vice President Joseph Biden and their wives left their vehicles and walked part of the parade route.

As one of 92 law enforcement agencies in Washington, D.C. assisting with the event, Patrol troopers were sworn in by U.S. Marshal's Office representatives, granting them full law enforcement powers during the inaugural detail.

Troopers had previously served at the inauguration of George W. Bush in 2005.



## FORENSIC VIDEO ANALYSIS UNIT

As a new investigative tool for Patrol investigators, and a free resource for any Ohio law enforcement agency, the Ohio State Highway Patrol established a fully functional forensic video analysis laboratory. Forensic video analysis is the scientific examination, comparison, and evaluation of video in legal matters.

It consists of examining and enhancing recorded evidence from video systems such as CCTV cameras, dashboard cameras, and surveillance systems to help solve crimes, as well as to apprehend and prosecute criminals.

Assigned personnel received forensic video analysis training from the FBI at its Quantico headquarters. Analytical capabilities included demultiplexing – isolating multiple camera views residing on consecutive frames, quad isolation – isolating a single camera view when multiple appear on a screen simultaneously, time lapse correction – speed correcting video captured below 30 frames per second, audiovisual enhancement to enhance the clarity of recorded evidence, and tape repair to fix damaged media.







## DATA ANALYSIS AND GEO-MAPPING

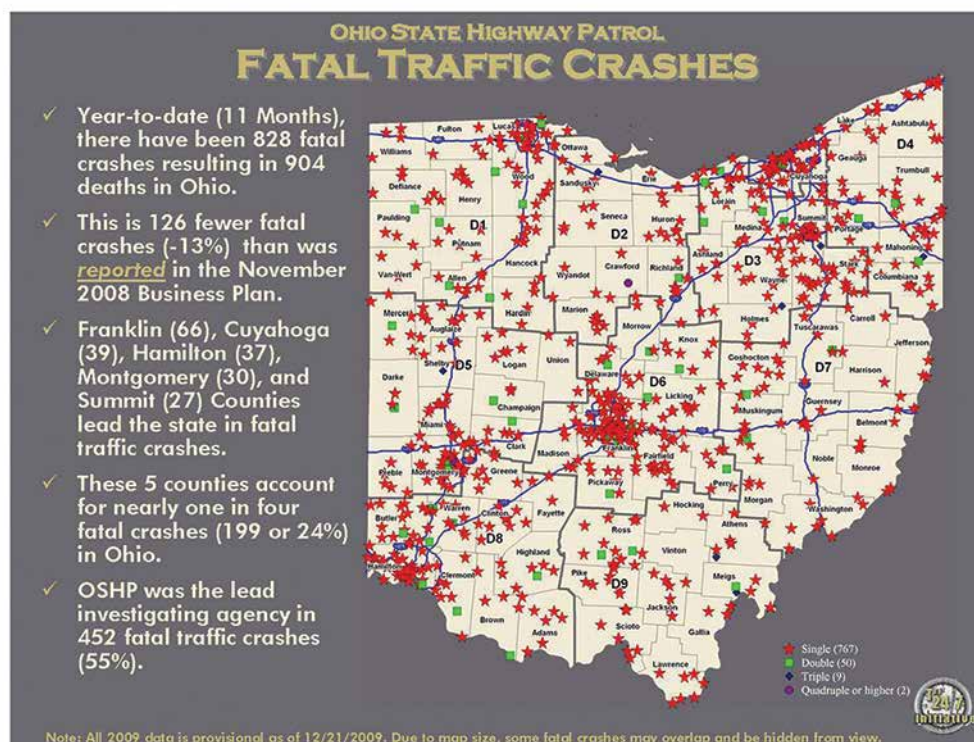
In early 2005, the Patrol's Research Unit began mapping where crashes were occurring in Ohio on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis. A Division-wide operational program called Lifestat 1.0 incorporated geo-mapping as a resource to determine and communicate crash trend analyses to post commanders so that personnel were deployed to the most problematic areas along Ohio's highways.

A year later, in 2006, data analysis showed that 20% of Ohio's crashes occurred in just five metropolitan areas. Geo-mapping technology continued to develop into more comprehensive software like Google Earth that allowed the Patrol to continually utilize existing personnel strength efficiently to minimize crashes.

The Ohio State Highway Patrol also used Google Earth mapping to create an interactive resource that identified where traffic fatalities, including alcohol-related fatalities, and other notable events occurred in Ohio to prevent further accidents and loss of life. Data analysis also led to the publication of other data resources that provided patrol reports, statistical summaries, hot spot analysis, crash

causation summaries and more. It also led to GPS mapping and tracking of Patrol cruisers, which provided data on the effectiveness of traffic stops in certain areas and how the Patrol could be more effective in these places.

Better technology and data analysis allowed for the enhancement of the Patrol's capacity to make effective operational decisions from mountains of data. With the analyses in hand, Field Operations commanders developed enforcement plans to increase safety on Ohio's highways. For example, the Dayton Area Metropolitan Initiative was developed after it was found that Montgomery County had the 4th highest number of fatal crashes among all Ohio counties. The initiative called for high-visibility enforcement, specialized computer mapping and a public information campaign which led to thousands of citations and warnings, hundreds of impaired driving arrests, and many other criminal arrests. Similar initiatives also proved successful in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Columbus, and Toledo.







***Colonel Richard H. Collins was sworn in as superintendent on April 20, 2007. He expanded metro traffic programs to achieve substantial reductions in traffic fatalities in urban areas and utilized data analysis and geo-mapping more than ever to help troopers maximize traffic safety and criminal patrol efforts.***

During his tenure as the Patrol's 15th superintendent, Colonel Collins worked to expand metro traffic programs while also increasing emphasis on criminal patrol activities. Under his command, the number of traffic fatalities in Ohio reached historic lows, including substantial reductions in urban areas.



Colonel Richard H. Collins

While Ohio roads were getting safer, state troopers also directly impacted the safety of Ohio communities and neighborhoods. Through Colonel Collins' 24/7 Initiative, data analysis and geo-mapping were fully utilized to help troopers maximize efforts in both areas. The program also significantly reduced case-related paperwork for road officers.

Furthering the innovative use of technology during his tenure, Colonel Collins oversaw the establishment of the Patrol's first video forensic analysis laboratory for the scientific examination, comparison, and evaluation of videography in legal matters. It consisted of evaluating, enhancing and examining recorded evidence from video systems such as CCTV cameras, dashboard cameras, and surveillance operations.

At the request of law enforcement officials in Washington, D.C., Colonel Collins sent a cadre of troopers to our nation's capital to provide assistance and security during the inauguration of President Barack Obama on January 20, 2009. At the time, it marked the third time troopers were called to assist law enforcement officials in Washington, D.C.

Colonel Collins began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher at the Marion Post in his hometown. He trained with the 108th Class and served at various assignments in the field while moving up the ranks, including seven years as commander of the 12-county Findlay District in northwest Ohio.

Colonel Collins retired on September 18, 2009, after more than 31 years of service.



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## TROOPER ANDREW BALDRIDGE

On February 4, 2010, Trooper Andrew C. Baldrige, 25, of the Bucyrus Post, was killed in the line of duty following a one-vehicle crash in Wyandot County.

The crash occurred on Township Road 95, just south of state Route 103, just west of the village of Carey, at approximately 6:05 p.m. Trooper Baldrige and his Field Training Officer, Trooper Mark McLaughlin, also of the Bucyrus Post, were heading southbound on Township Rd 95 when their Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor drove off the right side of the road and rolled. Trooper McLaughlin was injured in the crash.

Law enforcement officers from around Ohio and the nation joined family members and friends in paying tribute to Trooper Baldrige in a celebration of his life on February 8, in Carey, Ohio, Trooper Baldrige's hometown.

Trooper Baldrige joined the Ohio State Highway Patrol on May 13, 2009, as a member of the 149th Class. He earned his commission on December 16, 2009, and was elected class speaker by his peers. Prior to joining the Patrol, he served with the Wyandot County Sheriff's Auxiliary.



## F4 TORNADO HITS FINDLAY DISTRICT

On June 5, 2010, at 11:05 p.m., the Bowling Green Dispatch Center started receiving reports of possible tornado activity near Rossford and Perrysburg in Wood County.

Troopers from the Bowling Green Post reported an area with mass destruction along the northern side of state Route 795. The Lake Township Police Department and administrative building, as well as Lake High School and Middle School were destroyed. There were two initial fatalities reported.



Bowling Green troopers were joined by personnel from the Toledo, Findlay and Defiance posts to assist with traffic control and to search the area for those injured or trapped within residences. As additional troopers arrived, they learned the tornado also struck Millbury, resulting in four more fatal victims and countless injuries.

State Route 795 was closed for a seven-mile stretch due to debris and damage from the tornado, power lines crossing the roadway, and lack of power to traffic signals. Troopers also assisted Lake Township Police Department as seven of their 14 patrol vehicles had been completely destroyed.

Patrol Aviation arrived around 10:30 a.m. on June 6, and the path of the tornado and the devastation it left behind were finally fully discovered. The tornado traveled 10 miles from Moline, Wood County, through Lake Township, into Millbury and crossed into Erie County, destroying 10 homes there. The National Weather Service classified the tornado as an F-4.



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## SRT GOES FULL TIME

In August 2010, the Special Response Team (SRT) expanded to a full-time full-service tactical unit. This move was due to the increased calls for service, the ever-changing criminal environment and the constant requests from outside agencies for mutual aid assistance.

SRT's organizational structure increased to include a tactical commander, executive officer, and three eight-person squads consisting of a sergeant squad leader and eight troopers, for a total of 26 team members. The SRT commander held the rank of captain and the Unit was assigned out of the Special Operations Section, under the command of the major of Special Operations.

Many team members held specialties in areas including Explosives Entry, Tactical Canine, Tactical Emergency Medics, Firearms, Less-Lethals, Chemical Munitions and Weapons of Mass Destruction. SRT also began providing Basic Special Weapons And Tactics (SWAT) and Basic Sniper courses for agencies nationwide.

SRT was utilized for controlled deliveries, barricade and high-risk warrant service, executive protection, crowd/riot situations, and other critical incident deployments for the Division, and when requested with other agencies in Ohio throughout the years via the Mutual Aid Agreements. They completed 205 deployments and missions during 2010.



## HIGHWAY PATROL TROOPERS COMPLETE DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT TRAINING



In the fall 2010, nine Highway Patrol troopers were among the first law enforcement officers in Ohio to complete Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training. The three-week course focused on detection, apprehension, and adjudication of drug impaired

drivers in order to enhance troopers' ability to detect and arrest drug impaired drivers.

A DRE is a police officer or trooper who is highly trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs or a combination of drugs and alcohol. A DRE undergoes specialized training

in detecting and identifying the category or categories of drugs causing the impairment. The process is based on observable signs and symptoms that are known to be reliable indicators of drug impairment.





***Under Colonel David W. Dicken's leadership, drug seizures and felony arrests increased dramatically in 2010.***

Colonel Dicken served as the 16th superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Dicken succeeded Interim Superintendent Captain Kevin Teaford who led the Patrol from September 18, 2009, until the end of the year, following the retirement of Colonel Richard H. Collins.

Just weeks into his administration, Colonel Dicken was forced to lead the Patrol through the line of duty death of the Bucyrus Post Trooper Andrew C. Baldrige. Trooper Baldrige was killed in a one-vehicle crash when his police Interceptor drove off the right side of the road and rolled over.

During his tenure, Colonel Dicken oversaw the creation of a dedicated, full-time Special Response Team (SRT). Prior to 2010, SRT personnel split their time with regular Patrol responsibilities. Colonel Dicken believed the tools and skill set required for SRT merited making the Unit full-time in order to best support and sustain its critical function.

He also coordinated the Patrol's appearances before the legislative Mission Review Task Force, which examined various funding options for the Division throughout 2010.

A Cincinnati native, Colonel Dicken graduated from the 120th Academy Class in 1990. He served in assignments at the Portsmouth, Georgetown and Swanton Posts, and the Patrol's General Headquarters.

While at General Headquarters, he served as executive officer and later as commander of the Office of Finance and Logistics Services and was responsible for the preparation, implementation and management of the Patrol's biennial operating budget, as well as the biennial capital budget.

He graduated from the University of Cincinnati and the Northwestern University Center for Public Safety School of Police Staff and Command.



**Colonel David W. Dicken**







## **COLONEL BORN ASSUMES COMMAND OF THE PATROL**

*On January 10, 2011, Colonel John Born was sworn in as the Patrol's 17th superintendent. With strong support from Governor John Kasich, new House Speaker William Batchelder, Senate President Tom Niehaus and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director Thomas Charles, a new era was beginning for the Division.*

He introduced the philosophy of having every employee ask what they would do each day to contribute to a safer Ohio. Operationally, Colonel Born elevated crime and drug interdiction to the same level of importance as traffic safety. Starting day one, he directed troopers to target impaired and dangerous drivers, and concentrate on criminal patrol and major crimes occurring on roadways and highways by looking beyond the traffic stop to make Ohio communities safer.

Colonel Born also began to reduce administrative functions in the Patrol, allowing troopers to focus more on operations, particularly in Ohio's most populous metro areas where the majority of safety issues were occurring.

He invested in leadership by replacing the "Senior Staff" designation with "Senior Advisors." This new group consisted of selected captains and other staff to work on strategic planning, tactical direction, policy development, and oversight of promotions, hiring and discipline.

In planning for the future, Colonel Born envisioned a Patrol built upon partnerships with law enforcement and safety stakeholder groups. Through innovation and hard work, Colonel Born moved the Patrol in a new direction to ensure each day was better than the previous one.

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## CONTRIBUTING TO A SAFER OHIO

*Troopers were tasked with this question – “What will you do today to contribute to a safer Ohio?”*

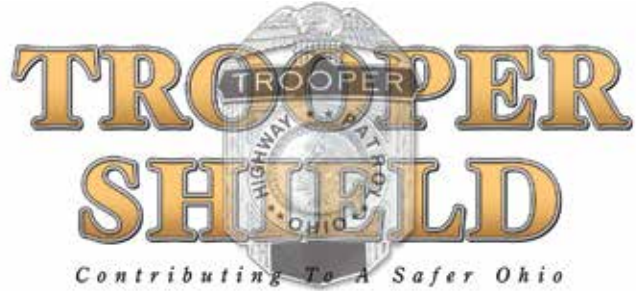
The answer was often found in the Patrol’s new symbol of its efforts, Trooper Shield, which challenged troopers to measure progress one day at a time, one less fatality than the day before or one more dangerous driver removed from the roadway.

Troopers targeted impaired and dangerous drivers while concentrating on criminal patrol efforts and major crimes occurring on Ohio’s highways through an equal emphasis on traffic safety and criminal patrol.

An increased emphasis was placed on arresting impaired drivers.

Improvements to the organization’s internal structure included the reassignment of sworn officers from General Headquarters into operational roles in the field.

The Patrol began building on its partnerships near highly populated areas of Ohio while staying true to its statutory mission. Personnel and resources



were reallocated to provide core traffic safety and criminal patrol operations near high concentrations of population, business and infrastructure – including the Columbus Metro Unit, which began full operation in February 2011.

In addition, partnerships between law enforcement and safety advocate groups were expanded, such as with MADD, the insurance industry, health care and emergency providers.

## CRITICAL INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS CENTER

Creation of the Critical Information and Communications Center (CICC) was the first federally compliant National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) center in Ohio.

Located in the Columbus Communications Center, in conjunction with the Emergency Management Agency and the Emergency Operations Center, the CICC was staffed 24-hours-a-day, 365-days-a-year by command personnel who received training and experience in coordinating assets and information during critical incidents. During a critical incident, personnel from the CICC also staffed the Emergency Operations Center.

CICC personnel used state-of-the art equipment to monitor and disseminate critical information to and from operational units in the field, and

assisted Homeland Security personnel collect and disseminate critical information with regards to criminal activity that could pose a security threat.

The center also served as a 24-hour intake point for evidence during non-business hours.





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## CRIMINAL PATROL STRUCTURE



Once Criminal Patrol had been elevated to the same level of importance as traffic safety, troopers were tasked with stopping more vehicles and looking beyond the traffic stop to deter and interdict criminal activity. To ensure sergeants could focus on operations and investigations as opposed to administrative duties, four regional lieutenants were assigned to manage the criminal patrol units in the northeast, northwest, southeast and southwest regions of Ohio.

Regional training was developed to bolster criminal patrol efforts throughout the state, and new communication protocols were established, including reporting and documentation. Additionally, the Office of Investigations was incorporated into criminal patrol operations as investigators reduced time spent on cases in Ohio detention facilities. The Criminal Intel Unit was relocated and moved closer to Columbus to improve inter-office communication between Criminal Patrol and the Special Response Team.

## FIRING RANGE UPGRADES



Already one of the largest indoor firing ranges in the United States, Patrol Academy range staff and users benefited from a number of new physical improvements to enhance its status as a world-class training facility. The Academy welcomed the addition of bullet-resistant baffles, lighting improvements, stall replacements, control room acoustic improvements, and replacement flooring, which allowed for more varied training programs, plus greater variance and control of training scenarios. The new range target equipment provided wireless, battery-operated, self-contained motorized control units that recharged with each

return to the home position. Additionally, reasonable damage to the track component no longer affected the control unit. These enhancements at the Academy firing range greatly improved safety, as well as officer performance and reaction times.

## REGIONAL TRAINING UNIT ESTABLISHED

Established at the Patrol Academy, the Regional Training Unit worked to ensure professional training operations and continued development of quality courses were delivered via the Regional Education and General In-Service Institute (REGIS). The regional training concept was developed to assist in the delivery of mandated learning

established by the Ohio Peace Officer Training Commission and reflected trends for the police vocation at the local post level. Some examples of Regional Training Unit courses were first aid, criminal patrol, tactical driving, leadership training and more.



## CRIMINAL PATROL COOPERATION, TRAINING, AND STRUCTURE

*It didn't take long to see a payoff in the new criminal patrol structure and emphasis. In just the first four months of 2011, traffic crash fatalities had decreased, impaired driving arrests increased and criminal patrol efforts reached unprecedented levels.*



Master Trainer Daniel J. Bowman works with Tpr. Erik Golias and K-9 Argo.

Troopers were stopping more vehicles and looking beyond the traffic stop to detect and interdict criminal activity. Through training and interoffice cooperation, the criminal patrol operation surged. After increasing cooperation with personnel from the Office of Investigative Services, troopers spent less time on paperwork and follow-up after a drug seizure because these responsibilities were passed to investigators. As a result, the specialized criminal patrol unit could get back out on the road doing what they did best - removing the criminal element from Ohio's roadways.

This structure also allowed investigators to conduct full investigations into the origins and potential destinations of drugs, with the Special Response Team working saturation patrols, warrant services and controlled deliveries of narcotics. Collaborative efforts between offices resulted in

tremendous successes with thousands of traffic stops, hundreds of arrests and thousands of dollars of drugs removed from Ohio's communities.

The training of road troopers statewide to look for criminal indicators and to look beyond the initial traffic stop had a significant impact on criminal patrol operations. A one-day criminal patrol regional training course covered search and seizure, criminal interdiction awareness, report writing, and testifying in court. The training was also offered to several outside agencies.

The Patrol added its 24th drug-detecting canine at this time as well.

Structurally, five regional team commanders managed the criminal patrol units to ensure sergeants could focus on operations and investigations, instead of administrative duties.



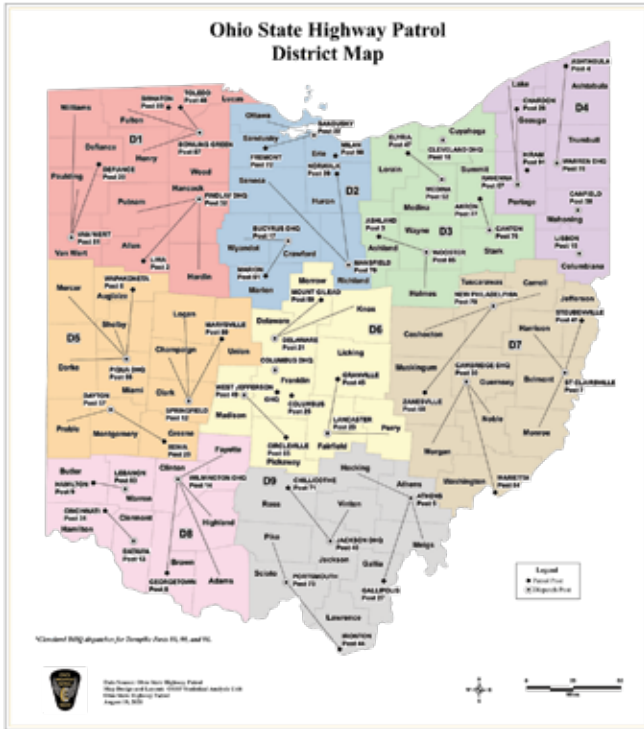


## DISPATCHER LOCATIONS CONSOLIDATED FROM 54 TO 27

Noting that dispatching is a critical and integral part of overall operations, a review of the structure of the Patrol's dispatching considered a variety of variables. This included a 2010 dispatcher study, personnel strength, a statewide dispatcher survey by the Ohio State Troopers Association and a Division survey of exempt dispatcher supervisors.

In making the decision, factors considered included operational effectiveness, employee impact and cost efficiency. It was evident that the existing dispatching structure was not uniform or consistent.

Following a detailed examination, a long-term dispatching solution was established. By the end of 2012, each District was operating with three Dispatching Posts, for a total of 27 dispatching centers around the state. The CICC and Turnpike Dispatch continued to operate separately from these changes.



## ONTARIO PROVINCIAL POLICE PARTNERSHIP

On June 24, Colonel Born and Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) Commissioner Chris D. Lewis signed a partnership agreement that completed a five-day visit by the OPP to Columbus. This also marked the third Patrol colonel to enter into this partnership (Colonel Paul McClellan in 2005 and Colonel Richard Collins in 2007).

The relationship began in 2004 when the OPP invited the Patrol to Ontario to brief officers on the Patrol's LifeStat 1.0 initiative. The relationship developed over the years to include training and consultation on improved highway traffic safety and lowering traffic-related fatalities, as well as motorcycle safety, the use of aviation resources to supplement enforcement efforts and vital information sharing for enhanced homeland security.



Colonel John Born and OPP Commissioner Chris D. Lewis sign a training and consultation agreement.



## EFFICIENCY IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE CRIME LAB



*With 2011 and 2012 being significant years for criminal patrol operations, the Crime Lab experienced major demands for its capabilities as operations yielded more results. The Crime Lab was made up of a Toxicology and Drug Chemistry section, and the 13 criminalists and highly-trained scientists working for the lab were directly responsible for the adjudication of some of the most serious offenses the Patrol enforces.*

For a week in August 2011, 11 members of the Crime Lab's Drug Chemistry section convened at the Patrol Academy to develop a new process to reduce drug chemistry analysis reporting time and improve customer service satisfaction while maintaining quality. Those improvements were expected to reduce the evidence testing timeline from 83 days down to as few as 14 days from receipt of evidence to issuance of a findings report. It was also going to significantly reduce the case backlog.

The faster testing and reporting times came as welcome news to key stakeholders who rely on performance results from the Patrol's Crime Lab. Process improvements also sped up investigations, helped prosecutors move more quickly to build cases and ultimately put criminals behind bars.

The new drug chemistry process contained 45 fewer steps, five fewer decision points for Laboratory staff and 10 fewer handoffs of evidence. These improvements resulted in a significant reduction in storage and report issuance delays, with accompanying annual cost savings to Ohio taxpayers of more than \$80,000.

With this new process in place, and the increased demand for its services, the Crime Lab underwent a renovation in 2013. They hired additional staff, added chemistry and toxicology labs, an instrument room, offices and storage space. Equipment was also updated to the newest, high-tech equipment available at the time.

## DRUG RECOGNITION EXPERT COURSE BEGAN IN OHIO

After the success rendered by troopers who had received Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) training in 2010, the Patrol began administering its own DRE course. The idea was to benefit criminal patrol efforts by teaching more law enforcement officers in Ohio how to recognize the presence of drug activity on Ohio's highways as a regular operation.

By 2012, Ohio was ranked third in the nation for the number of enforcement evaluations per DRE

and second in the nation for the number of officers trained in Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement (ARIDE). The commitment continued, training more DREs each year and increasing their enforcement efforts. The DRE program further expanded by conducting training throughout Ohio for several hundred judges and prosecutors by the end of 2014 to further their understanding of drug impaired driving.



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## **20 YEARS OF CALEA ACCREDITATION**

The Patrol celebrated 20 years of accreditation with the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) when it received the Accreditation with Excellence Award and the Meritorious Award; the most prestigious award offered to accredited agencies.

The Accreditation with Excellence Award was created to acknowledge the achievement and expertise of some of the most successful CALEA accredited public safety agencies, and also to provide “examples” to assist other agencies.

Verification by CALEA that the Patrol continually met national standards further illustrated the Division’s ongoing commitment to law enforcement excellence.

By 2011, the Patrol had received successful reaccreditation six times since their initial accreditation award in July 1989.

The Patrol was originally accredited in 1989, and subsequently re-accredited in 1994, 1999, 2002, 2005, 2008 and 2011. Maintaining this status was an ongoing process and required constant monitoring and updating of policies and procedures to ensure compliance with CALEA standards.

## **AUXILIARY VIDEO PROJECT**

To continue marketing the public value of Patrol’s Trooper Shield successes, the Division produced two new public awareness videos.

Similar to the success several years prior when Auxiliary officers shot video for the film, “Signal 30 – Part 2: Tragedy and Hope,” Auxiliary units captured video of OVI drivers and arrests and criminal patrol cases resulting from successful operations of Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers during the summer of 2011.

The videos were edited by the Ohio Department of Public Safety’s Audio/Video Studio and promoted on the Division’s website.

## **GRAY PATROL CARS, BLUE LIGHT BARS**

At this time, the Patrol invested in a number of equipment upgrades. Most notably, the Division went to the Dodge Charger as the primary marked cruiser used by troopers. The new gray cruisers debuted in 2012, and were outfitted with blue light bars designed to increase visibility by the motoring public and enhance officer safety. The first 10 Dodge Chargers were assigned to the 2011 District Troopers of the Year.

Other equipment upgrades included a new bomb-detecting robot for the Special Response Team, and new firearms and tasers for troopers.

The funding for these equipment upgrades came from several administrative decisions resulting in tremendous growth and cost savings that allowed for the purchases.



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## SHAKEN HORIZONS NATIONAL EXERCISE

One of the many responsibilities of the Patrol's Critical Information and Communication Center (CICC) was the coordination of resources in the State Emergency Operations Center and to serve as the lead agency for Emergency Service Functions.

The CICC exercised these responsibilities with Patrol personnel in Butler, Clermont, Hamilton, Scioto and Warren counties while they participated in the Ohio Shaken Horizons Functional Exercise that ran concurrently with a national level exercise from May 16-19, 2011.

The exercise simulated a catastrophic earthquake along the New Madrid Fault Line, located on the Mississippi River. The simulated earthquakes were a magnitude 7.7 quake in Missouri, followed by a magnitude 5.7 earthquake near Cincinnati. Following these simulated disasters, critical infrastructure facilities, bridges, roadways and pipelines were severely affected; hundreds of fatalities and thousands of injuries were reported.

This simulation was intended to test communications, critical resource logistics and distribution, emergency operations center management, emergency public information and warning, mass care, and medical surge capabilities. Exercises such as this were intended to serve as the final measure of accountability for Ohio's collective preparedness, and the Division was not identified as needing to conduct any corrective action after the simulation. This testified to the capabilities and effectiveness of the Patrol.



Major Kevin Teaford, Office of Strategic Services commander, participates in the Ohio Shaken Horizons Functional Exercise at the Critical Information & Communication Center.



## NEW IRONTON POST

A new post for Ironton in Lawrence County opened in June 2011. The new facility included several environmentally friendly and sustainable features in its design, such as efficient lighting and a system to recycle runoff water. Another notable feature was the community room, which was available for use by members of the community.





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## STATEWIDE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE PATROL'S BIRTHDAY FOR THE FIRST TIME

To mark the Patrol's 78th birthday on November 15, 2011, an annual tradition started whereby commanding officers at each facility delivered a message from the superintendent. Active personnel and retirees were invited to these local events to celebrate the Division's history and heritage.

### MOBILE FIELD FORCE ESTABLISHED



*Establishment of the Mobile Field Force was an enhancement to the Patrol's preparations to respond to critical incidents that involved large groups of individuals demonstrating outside the parameters of a peaceful demonstration.*

This designated group of troopers and sergeants comprised a stand-alone unit that could respond to potentially volatile or violent demonstrations to augment the district personnel who would also be involved in the event.

Mobile Field Force personnel were fully-equipped with Civil Disturbance equipment designed for personal protection and response to minimize injury to the officer. As needed, they were supported during demonstrations with units from the Patrol's

Special Response Team (SRT), who provided conflict resolution solutions and options during incidents.

The enhanced presence of SRT and Mobile Field Force units, including critical incident response techniques, led to other agencies wanting to train with and learn from Patrol officers. This included a leadership training role at a federally-supported, critical incident training facility called Calamityville near Dayton.



## 6-STATE TROOPER PROJECT

*Law enforcement managers from six states and a Canadian province agreed to combine efforts toward, “Making a Safer Heartland,” beginning in 2012 as part of the 6-State Trooper Project.*

Strategies for operational efficiencies related to criminal patrol, drug interdiction and traffic safety were the focus when the Patrol hosted a multi-state senior management operational planning meeting on November 15-16, 2011, at the Patrol’s Training Academy in Columbus.

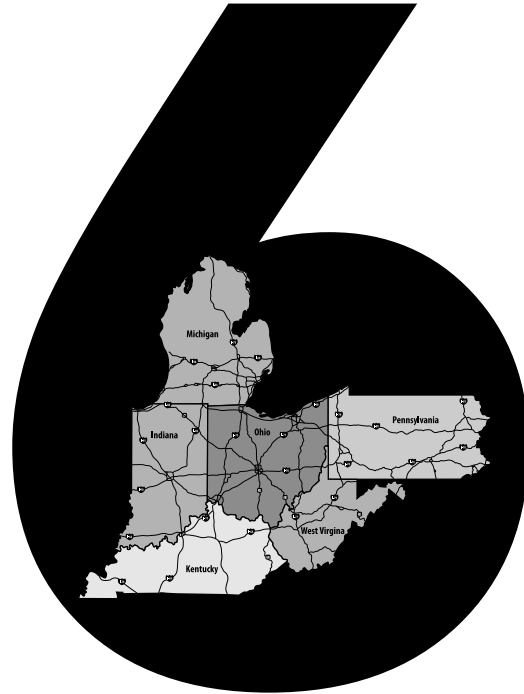
Senior management officers from the Indiana State Police, Kentucky State Police, Michigan State Police, Pennsylvania State Police, West Virginia State Police, Ontario Provincial Police and the Patrol attended the two-day session.

Managers from all agencies discussed operational topics that included criminal patrol and drug interdiction, impaired driving and traffic enforcement, criminal intel and state fusion centers, funding challenges, recruitment and the hiring process. A strategic mission was agreed upon to provide the residents of the 6-State region with combined and coordinated law enforcement and security services in the areas of highway safety, criminal patrol and intel sharing.

During the two days of discussions, there were many significant insights and contributions into ways in which all participating organizations, and the Ontario Provincial Police, could provide joint law enforcement operations.

All agency representatives agreed on the critically important need to collaborate in missions to maintain safety and security in the Midwest region of the United States.

At the end of the meeting, an operational calendar for inter-agency/state combined enforcement operations in 2012 was established. Other operational opportunities involving smaller combinations of states working together were independently coordinated amongst the involved states throughout the year.



## STATE TROOPER PROJECT



For branding awareness, the 6-State Trooper Project logo was displayed on the front page of each agency’s website, and joint operations involving any combination of agencies in the 6-State Trooper Project were to be spotlighted to the media, including use of a specially-designed media release template.

Managers from all organizations in the 6-State Trooper Project continued to meet regularly to discuss operational planning and explore unique opportunities to dramatically impact the criminal element and improve the quality of life in the Midwest.



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## TROOPER BOWMAN HONORED BY OHIO HOUSE

Trooper Larry R. Bowman was honored by the Ohio House of Representatives on December 14, 2011, for his service as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps and Reserve and the Ohio State Highway Patrol.

In May 2005, Trooper Bowman was serving as a sergeant with the 3rd Platoon, Company L, 3rd Battalion, 25th Marines, 4th Marine Division in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom when he was wounded in the line of duty, suffering extensive injuries to his lower leg.

After rehabilitation efforts and just before he was to return to work with the Patrol, Trooper Bowman's personal vehicle was hit in an intersection. The injuries from that crash ultimately resulted in the amputation of his leg below the knee.

Instead of entering into a disability retirement, Trooper Bowman worked diligently to return to active duty with the Patrol. In doing so, Trooper Bowman became the first trooper with a prosthetic limb in the Division's history.



Trooper Larry R. Bowman received a standing ovation from members of the Ohio House of Representatives after receiving a House Resolution in his honor. From left: Trooper Bowman's wife, Nikki; son, Matthew; Trooper Bowman; and Colonel John Born.

## REACHING OUT TO FAMILIES OF EMPLOYEES KILLED IN LINE OF DUTY

Beginning in 2012, a new tradition saw family members of Division employees who were killed in the line of duty being contacted near the anniversary date of the employee's death.

To ensure that the relationship between the family and the Patrol continued, families received a letter from Colonel Born and a phone call from their local post commander. In addition, the Patrol's website posted tributes to each Patrol employee killed in the line of duty on the date of their passing.



In addition to the annual Patrol Memorial Ceremony held each May, the Division started honoring employees killed in the line of duty by contacting their families throughout the year in an effort to maintain and strengthen relationships with the families.





## #677 NUMBER AND HIGHWAY SIGNS

Governor John Kasich made a significant public policy announcement during his commencement address to the 151st Academy Class on February 24, 2012, as he declared a war on drug trafficking in Ohio. He told the 65 new troopers of the 151st Academy Class they were the newest front-line members in the “War on Drug Trafficking” in Ohio.

Due in large part to the incredible criminal patrol accomplishments achieved in 2011, which included more than \$69 million worth of seized contraband, Governor Kasich looked to the Patrol to play a significant role in this statewide effort.

An important public participation portion of the effort was a new statewide toll-free phone number through which the public could report drug activity and drug couriers to the Patrol.

#677 became the new multi-purpose number for the public to reach the Patrol regarding reporting drug activity, impaired drivers and other highway safety matters. The #677 number replaced 1-877-7-PATROL as the statewide number for the public to contact the Patrol.

In conjunction with #677, Governor Kasich authorized new signs to be posted at all interstate entry points into Ohio to promote the #677 number as a way to report drug activity.



Governor John Kasich discussed the Patrol's role in combating drug trafficking in Ohio during a media event at the Patrol Training Academy on February 24, 2012.

Roadway signage across the state was also updated to reflect the #677 number, and carry a drug and OVI message.

New #677 license plates for marked cruisers were also utilized to further promote the number.

A new dispatcher training curriculum included guidelines for separating calls for impaired drivers and those reporting drug activity. A key operational feature covered in the training was the establishment of a mechanism for dispatchers taking #677 calls to send any drug-related call information to the Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU), even if a local trooper was dispatched or the call was transferred to another agency's jurisdiction.

The new #677 number, and associated highway signs, were part of Ohio's *Plan to Combat Drug Traffickers*.

The plan included more networking and collaboration with federal, state and local agencies to include better intelligence sharing and joint operations at Ohio's borders. The goal was to create a deterrence curtain in the heartland and around Ohio. There was also an expansion of “Shield” details and full-time assignments of Ohio troopers to Drug Enforcement Agency task forces.





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## SHIELD DETAILS

*By early 2012, law enforcement partnership activities and efforts called Shield Details around Ohio in places like Columbus, Youngstown, Toledo and Cleveland illustrated the positive impact of working with local law enforcement colleagues.*

A Shield Detail was law enforcement’s effort to protect the citizens of a specific county or community from crime. Using the traffic stop as a “gateway” to other criminal activity, the Patrol officer would make contact with a criminal through a traffic stop and subsequent to an arrest, escort the suspect to an investigator to take the lead. The investigators then worked with the suspect to see if he would “tag” someone else who was involved in some type of criminal activity.

This “tagging” occurred in an effort to interdict as many criminals as possible. Through these law enforcement efforts, the community was “shielded” from those involved in criminal activity.



May 2, 2012

Ohio State Highway Patrol  
Colonel John Born  
Post Office Box 182074  
Columbus, Ohio 43223

Dear Colonel Born:

I want to personally thank you and your organization for participating in Operation Shield on April 27<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. I provided a copy of the results from this joint enforcement effort. As you can see, the numbers are staggering.

I also wanted to give a special acknowledgement to Captain James Holt, Staff Lieutenant Joel Smith, Lieutenant Christopher Hevery, and Lieutenant Michael Combs for coordinating this massive operation. Without their tireless effort and commitment, this successful program would not have happened.

Unfortunately, we are a City that has many challenges ahead of us in reducing violent crime amongst our residents. These types of collaborations will assist the city administration and police department in implementing its long-term strategy of focused deterrence on known criminal offenders.

Once again, I want to express my appreciation to all the troopers who participated in Operation Shield.

Rod J. Foley  
Chief of Police

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The mission of a Shield Detail was to bring law enforcement agencies together in an effort to address concerns regarding traffic safety and criminal activity. Each law enforcement agency brought a variety of resources to the table, and the sharing of those resources proved invaluable to the overall mission of making roads and communities safe. Combining energy, enthusiasm, information, intelligence and every other available resource, these law enforcement efforts had a tremendous impact on traffic safety and the criminal element in every community.

The Franklin County Shield Detail, March 8-10, 2012, was not the first Shield Detail conducted, but served as the model. Colonel Born described it as “likely our largest effort and the results showed,” and said, “the incredible operational success was dwarfed only by the inter-agency relationships that were fostered.”

The Franklin County Shield Detail included personnel from the Patrol, Franklin County Sheriff’s Office, U.S. Marshals Office, Franklin County Prosecutor, Franklin County Clerk of Courts Office and the Franklin County Engineer’s Office.

Troopers and sheriff deputies arrested 55 impaired drivers, made 98 felony arrests, and investigated 42 drug cases, 23 felony drug cases, 12 other felony cases, recovered three stolen vehicles and seized nine illegal weapons. With the help of drug-sniffing canines, officers seized significant quantities of marijuana, cocaine, crack cocaine, heroin, pills and bath salts. Officers made 2,182 traffic stops during the three-day Shield Detail.



## CLEVELAND, COLUMBUS AND CINCINNATI METRO POSTS

Through streamlining of operations, focused allocation of resources and the graduation of two large cadet classes, metro posts were up and running in Cincinnati, Cleveland and Columbus by mid-2012. The post locations went into existing facilities at Cincinnati Operations, Alum Creek in Columbus and Cleveland Investigations. In 2013, the Cleveland Metro Post, Ohio Investigative Unit and BMV Investigators moved into the Brook Park facility.

These new posts provided an opportunity for a more sustained effort and presence in Ohio's three most populous counties. Full-time staffing of these three new metro posts was possible due to the reallocation of personnel resources that began in January 2011. Moving officers out of GHQ, a reduction in senior staff-level positions and other streamlining led to fewer management positions and more troopers. Additionally, troopers once assigned to the Riffe and Rhodes buildings in Columbus were allocated to the field, and their positions became occupied by police officers. This strategic reinvestment in the trooper position resulted in a more balanced and cost-efficient Patrol.

The commander of each new metro post forged relationships with area agencies to address the common goal of fatality reduction efforts through impaired driving enforcement and Shield Details.



## VEHICLE THEFT AND FRAUD UNITS

With the success of the criminal patrol structure in drug interdiction, the same structure and philosophy was applied to vehicle theft enforcement in 2012. The Vehicle Theft Unit (VTU) started in the summer of 2012, and had immediate similar successes. Eventually, the VTU grew to include a member from Ohio BMV investigations to form the Vehicle Theft and Fraud Task Force, which investigated not only vehicle thefts but identity and title fraud.

VTU provided intelligence information, such as the types of cars being stolen and the neighborhoods from where the cars were being stolen, to the road officers. That information enabled metro post commanders to know where to deploy officers to apprehend the criminals.

VTU investigated thefts from the Honda Manufacturing Plant and uncovered several "chop-shops" throughout Ohio, and even stopped a theft operation with a property value of nearly \$2.5 million.

In Cleveland, vehicle theft rings and "chop-shop" operations were identified and broken-up. The tentacles of these criminal operations stretched into Detroit, and Patrol investigators worked closely with numerous local agencies in Ohio and Michigan to bring down a significant vehicle crimes operation.





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## ATTACKING THE “SCOURGE” OF HUMAN TRAFFICKING

*Governor John Kasich declared a war on the slave trade business in Ohio during his State of the State address on February 7, 2012. Going so far as to call it a “scourge” he tasked the Department of Public Safety, and the Patrol specifically, to “snuff this out in our state.”*

A three-point plan showed how the Patrol attacked the human trafficking problem in Ohio.

1. Truck Shield & Community Shield – Starting Memorial Day weekend 2012, a partnership with the Ohio Trucking Association (OTA) featured OTA-member companies and drivers receiving training from the Patrol’s Regional Training Unit on highway safety, human trafficking, criminal patrol and homeland security indicators of a threat to public safety. Certified commercial drivers were trained to report what they saw on the roads by calling #677, which allowed for the appropriate deployment of law enforcement resources to the area. Community Shield was deployed in mid-July and built on the successes of Truck Shield by providing interested members of the general public with specific training on how to identify possible criminal behavior on Ohio’s roadways. They were also asked to use the #677 tip-line to help the Patrol deploy troopers and resources to the problem area.

2. FBI Task Forces – In Toledo and Cleveland, troopers were part of the FBI’s Innocence Lost Program. In June 2003, the FBI launched the Innocence Lost National Initiative in conjunction with the Department of Justice Child Exploitation and Obscenity Section and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children. Their combined efforts were aimed at addressing the growing problem of domestic sex trafficking of children in the United States. By 2011, the initiative resulted in the development of 44 dedicated task forces and working groups throughout the U.S. involving federal, state and local law enforcement agencies working in tandem with U.S. Attorney’s Offices. Task Forces in Toledo and Cleveland added troopers in 2012 to the investigatory work to successfully rescue children and collaborate on investigations of those involved with the crimes of exploiting children through prostitution.

3. Intel Resources – The same resources and capabilities the Patrol used to develop information for all crimes and homeland security matters were applied to the human trafficking problem.





## CRIMINAL INTEL MERGER FORMS HUB

*The Patrol's Criminal Intelligence Unit (CIU) completed a merger in 2012 into the Critical Information and Communication Center (CICC) to form the Hub. Situated at the State Emergency Operations Center in Columbus, these components worked with the Strategic Analysis Information Center to provide information resources to troopers like never before.*

All the CIU capabilities were available to troopers connected from the side of the road to analysts staffing the CIU's 24/7 operation at the Hub. To accomplish this direct link, communications capabilities of the CIU and CICC were enhanced to allow troopers to take advantage of available information, augmenting the officers' effectiveness in responses and investigative responsibilities during road operations. This meant that any trooper or Patrol police officer in the state, at any time of the day or night, had direct real-time access to the primary intelligence resource for all sections of the Patrol with the most sophisticated resources and analysis which extended to the national level. Those same Hub-related resources available to troopers and Patrol police officers were also available at no cost to all Ohio law enforcement officers.

Because the intelligence information capabilities were part of the CICC, the CIU became the nexus for local community safety. CIU tools for any law enforcement officer include: identification information; drug interdiction stop support; ID photo requests nationwide; suspect background data and location research; expedited gun tracings; financial investigative information; warrant service summaries; and analytical work for large-scale case investigations involving organized criminal activities such as human trafficking, drug trafficking, identity and white-collar crimes, auto larceny and public corruption.



CIU personnel developed link and analysis charts, which are graphs and diagrams that put the criminal activity into a visual format. Specialists analyzed large amounts of quantitative data to help guide investigators, prosecutors and assist juries in understanding complex case investigations.

Additionally available to all Ohio law enforcement officers were bulletins on topics such as officer safety, officer awareness, be on the lookout (BOLO), wanted persons and requests for information. The CIU even disseminated monthly intelligence briefings on officer safety and awareness concerns, and collected and distributed intelligence information to all levels of Ohio law enforcement.





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## **CADET INTERNSHIP PROGRAM FOR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

In April 2012, a new Cadet Internship Program started to provide training and experience in the field of law enforcement to qualified college students who had a desire to pursue a career with the Patrol. In its first month, the Division received over 200 applications from candidates interested in becoming a cadet intern.

Selected interns were assigned to a metro post location or a post with a dispatch center and worked between 10 to 39 hours per week, while completing their college degree.

While at the post, cadet interns worked closely with a post mentor and performed various duties, such as assisting in traffic control at OVI checkpoints and crime scenes. They helped at Patrol community events filing correspondence, reports, documents or other materials; ensuring the care of patrol cars; and assisting field recruiters at various public functions.

Each cadet intern also completed a Cadet Internship Training Manual that contained copies of pertinent Division policies, program expectations, training modules and exams. Cadet interns were required to complete each component of the manual before entering an Academy class.

## **BICYCLE UNIT AT THE OHIO EXPO CENTER**

In May 2012, a new Bicycle Unit hit the road, assigned out of the Patrol post at the Ohio Expo Center for patrolling large events. This was the first of its kind for the Division since the addition of police officers in 1987.

Bicycles allowed for better movement through areas with heavy pedestrian traffic. Bicycle officers could also enter buildings and other areas where they would normally have to exit a motor vehicle and walk. Bicycle officers' presence and mobility helped deter thefts and other criminal activity that usually occurred throughout the fairgrounds.

The unit included six Ohio State Highway Patrol police officers who received training in maneuverability, riding up and down stairs, pursuits, dismounting, prisoner security, bike maintenance and other topics.

The bicycle units rode during the 2012 Ohio State Fair and received a positive response from visitors.



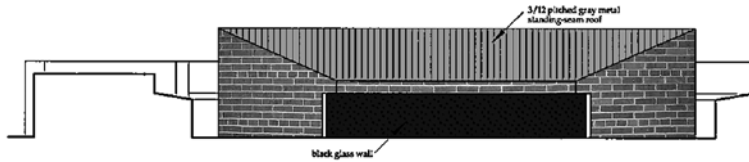
**Bicycle Unit Police Officer Kathy Dalton patrols the Ohio State Fair.**

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## UPGRADES AT THE PATROL'S TRAINING ACADEMY



Rendering of the new leadership wing of the Academy as seen from the south end of the courtyard. The wall on this side of the structure will feature tinted glass and look out upon the Patrol Memorial.

With cadet, internal and external training expanding, the Patrol's capital budget for fiscal years 2013 and 2014 provided for improvements, security upgrades and expansion of the Training Academy.

Funding was approved for replacement of the Academy chiller, and for the construction of an addition to the Academy located in the north courtyard that would include space for a lecture hall, training, and staff offices.

The new Thomas P. Charles Leadership Wing, which would open in 2014, included a leadership center that consisted of theater-style seating with a capacity of nearly 300 and a raised stage. The south glass wall provided a stately view of the Patrol Memorial, and a new eternal flame with a new flagpole relocated to the center of the courtyard.

In addition to the building project, additional security measures included a new north gate to restrict access and increase security into the north parking lot. The gate was activated by a new identification card and long-range proximity reader system. The proximity reader system was also installed at all entrances into the Academy.

In addition, numerous cameras offered a 360-degree view of the perimeter of the property.

## HERITAGE HALL DEDICATED TO COLONEL CHIARAMONTE

About 200 friends of the Patrol, including three prior superintendents and Director of Public Safety Thomas P. Charles, were on hand for the dedication of the Colonel Robert M. Chiaramonte Heritage Hall at the Patrol's Training Academy on September 6, 2012 - Colonel Chiaramonte's 92nd birthday.

Chiaramonte was a visionary who pioneered numerous innovations and led the Patrol's response to more than 30 demonstrations and riots on state property during his 10 years as superintendent from 1965-1975.



Recent security upgrades at the Academy include a new gate to the north parking lot (top), 360-degree view cameras (right), and proximity ID card readers (far right).





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## OFFICER SAFETY ENHANCEMENTS

Significant savings throughout 2012 made it possible for several moves to increase officer safety. This included several equipment upgrades such as the distribution of new 14-inch barrel shotguns and M-16 A4 carbine rifles to troopers.

In addition to equipment upgrades, the Patrol also launched Blue Alert on June 1, 2012. Created to speed up the apprehension of a person suspected of killing or seriously injuring a law enforcement officer, Blue Alert quickly disseminated information about the death, significant injury or disappearance of a law enforcement officer to the public and other law enforcement agencies.

## ECUADOR VISIT AND U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT PARTNERSHIP

In 2012, the Patrol became the country's first state law enforcement agency to sign a partnership agreement with the U.S. Department of State - International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL). The partnership agreement between INL and the Patrol enabled INL to utilize the knowledge and expertise of active-serving Patrol troopers to train, advise and mentor foreign law enforcement personnel as part of the Department of State's numerous foreign assistance programs to improve civilian security.

In partnership with the U.S. Department of State, the Patrol hosted a visit from the Ecuador Transit Police on June 11-13, 2012. The Ecuador Transit Police had been tasked by the Ecuadorian government with implementing a highway patrol in their country. During their visit, they viewed equipment and learned how the Patrol conducts training classes and handles day-to-day operations.

Commandante Luis LaLama Alvarado, colonel of the Ecuador Transit Police, conveyed his appreciation to the Patrol and stated that he was so impressed that he planned to model their facilities after Ohio State Highway Patrol posts.



Patrol officers spent three days with a leadership team from the Ecuador Transit Police (CTE) in June. The CTE has been charged with establishing a highway patrol in Ecuador.

## FINDLAY POST DEDICATED TO COLONEL COLLINS



On November 16, 2012, the Patrol dedicated the Findlay Post to retired Colonel Richard H. Collins, who served more than 31 years in the Patrol, including two years as the 15th superintendent, before his retirement in September 2009.

He was widely credited with expanding metro traffic programs during his tenure, which resulted in substantial reductions in traffic fatalities in urban areas. He also bolstered operational initiatives by prioritizing data analysis and geo-mapping to ensure troopers maximized traffic safety and criminal patrol efforts.

Colonel Collins began his Patrol career as a cadet dispatcher at Marion in 1978. He trained with the 108th Academy Class and earned his commission in 1980. As a trooper, he served at Mansfield and Marion, where his peers voted him Post Trooper of the Year in 1986. His career included seven years as commander of the 12-county Findlay District in northeast Ohio.





## PUBLIC SAFETY LEADERSHIP ACADEMY FOUNDED

Throughout 2012, Patrol Training Academy staff worked with The Ohio State University's John Glenn School of Public Affairs to develop the Public Safety Leadership Academy (PSLA) course.

PSLA was an 11-week college level program designed to develop and improve the skills necessary to manage any division within a law enforcement agency. The course also included a week of leadership orientation utilizing the United States Holocaust law enforcement course in Washington, D.C., as well as leadership overviews at the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Quantico, Va.

The first PSLA class, comprised of 30 Patrol officers, Ohio Investigative Unit agents and officers from local law enforcement agencies around Ohio, graduated on June 14, 2013. Graduates earned a certificate in Senior Leadership as well as 10 hours of academic credit from The Ohio State University John Glenn School of Public Affairs.



Thirty officers from around Ohio completed the inaugural Public Safety Leadership Academy, an innovative law enforcement management training program developed by the Patrol and The Ohio State University – John Glenn School of Public Affairs.

## ACADEMY CADET TRAINING AND SEVERAL GRADUATIONS

A series of cost savings and efficiency measures led to the shortening of Patrol cadet training by several weeks. Those savings and changes provided the opportunity to significantly increase the number of cadets trained over a short period of time.

From 2011-2013, nearly 300 new troopers graduated in the 150th through 154th cadet classes.

The 153rd and 154th classes marked the two largest overlapping Academy classes in Patrol history; a total of 144 troopers graduated in those two classes in 2013.







***John Born served as Colonel and superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol from January 2011 to August 2013, capping a 26-year law enforcement career with the Division. In 2013, he was appointed by the Governor as the Ohio Department of Public Safety Director where he served until January 2019.***

As Patrol superintendent, his statewide reprioritization of the Patrol's focus elevated criminal patrol to the same mission level as highway safety and led to a record interdiction of over \$147 million in drugs and contraband in just three years. Traffic fatalities fell to historic lows and in 2013, dropped below 1,000 for the first time ever in Ohio.



**Colonel John Born**

That year, Ohio led the nation in traffic fatality reduction. Additionally, Colonel Born directed the merging of homeland security, intelligence, and communications through the creation of the Hub; a center staffed 24/7/365 by Patrol commanders, intelligence analysts and communications staff. A large number of uniformed officers were moved from general headquarters into operational roles, a senior advisor's group was created to broaden field commander input into key decisions, and the promotional system for troopers and sergeants was improved, permanent metro Patrol posts were established for the first time in Ohio's most-populous counties including establishing the largest Patrol post in Cuyahoga County.

Patrol drug-detecting canines were increased to the most in Patrol history, a #677 statewide cellular number, and smartphone application were established to connect the public to the Patrol. New gray cruisers with blue light bars were introduced and equipped with new short barrel shotguns. Long rifles were also placed in cruisers for the first time since the 1950s. Dispatch centers were merged to create a more uniformly staffed and strategic communication approach with 27 regional dispatch centers.





The Patrol's law enforcement partnerships were dramatically strengthened through "Shield" details where troopers and local law enforcement officers worked together to reduce crashes, target criminal activity and wanted felons, and improve the quality of life for citizens. More troopers were assigned to federal and local task forces than ever before in the Patrol's history.

During that same time, the Ohio Investigative Unit was merged with the Patrol's Office of Criminal Investigations and led to Ohio's national leadership role in trace-back investigations of alcohol violations which contribute to alcohol-related crash fatalities. The Ohio Traffic Safety Office was merged under Patrol oversight to better coordinate federally-funded traffic safety efforts.

Personnel shortages were repaired with the graduation of five cadet classes. In two years, the Patrol selected, hired and trained nearly 300 new troopers while operating on a budget that had remained the same since 2007. Cadet training was cut from 30 weeks to 22 weeks, saving more than \$580,000 through more efficient scheduling of cadet time.

The number of trained, certified Drug Recognition Expert (DRE) officers increased to take Ohio from one of the lowest DRE officer-trained states to one of the states with the most. Legislation was enacted to ensure the Colonel was appointed from within the active Patrol ranks and all ranks below Colonel were protected from politics with a legislative change to classified service.

An investment in training was bolstered with the integration of an undergraduate level public safety leadership course conducted by The Ohio State University and also a graduate level multi-year course operated by the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police.

Training for both programs began at a new, constructed leadership wing at the Ohio State Highway Patrol Academy. The Patrol's Memorial Wall was moved and designed as the courtyard centerpiece along with the Reverend Richard and Linda Ellsworth eternal flame in the Academy courtyard.

During his tenure, Colonel Born chaired an International Association of Chiefs of Police law enforcement officer safety effort, served as chairman of Ohio's law enforcement computer network, and served as a trustee of the Ohio Highway Patrol Retirement System for nearly 10 years, while serving as elected chairman of the board for four of those years.

Colonel Born earned a Bachelor of Science in journalism and a Master of Social Science in deviant behavior degrees from Ohio University. He completed the FBI's National Executive Institute, governance training at Harvard Business School, and leadership training at the United States Army War College.

He earned the United States Department of Homeland Security Partnership Award, the United States Secret Service Director's Honor Award, and the International Association of Chiefs of Police prestigious J. Stannard Baker Award.





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## SPRINGFIELD POST DEDICATED TO COLONEL MCCLELLAN



Retired Colonel Paul D. McClellan and Colonel John Born unveil the plaque that will be affixed to the Springfield Post dedicating it in Colonel McClellan's honor.

On June 21, 2013, the Patrol dedicated the Springfield Post to retired Colonel Paul D. McClellan. McClellan, who served as the 14th superintendent, served more than 32 years before retiring in March 2007.

Known nationally for his work to reduce traffic crash deaths, Colonel McClellan's tenure as superintendent was marked by several innovative initiatives, including the LifeStat 1.0 program that was recognized as one of the 10 best law enforcement initiatives in the United States and was subsequently studied and implemented by several state and international law enforcement agencies.

## COLONEL PRIDE SWORN IN AS SUPERINTENDENT AND CHANGE IN CORE VALUES

On July 31, 2013, Governor John R. Kasich announced that the Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety Tom Charles was retiring from public service after a nearly five decade-long career in which he led the Ohio State Highway Patrol, served as Inspector General and led the Ohio Department of Public Safety (ODPS).

Colonel Born replaced Charles as ODPS director. After he was sworn in, Born named Colonel Paul A. Pride as the 18th Superintendent of the Patrol.

Throughout Colonel Pride's career and continuing as the former assistant superintendent, his vision for criminal patrol efforts was integral to the program's success. His direction to troopers was always: stop cars, talk to people, sell traffic safety and look beyond the original reason for the traffic stop for signs of criminal activity.

"Colonel Paul Pride's appointment as the 18th Superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol will provide continuity of leadership as they move forward in their mission to protect Ohioans," said Kasich. "I am confident that he will carry on the professionalism and high standards that we have come to expect from the Patrol."

Pride changed the Patrol's core values to *Strength, Courage and Character*. He believed these values were necessary for individual and organizational success, and asked that troopers and personnel reflect on the new core values to guide their everyday actions.





## COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE SAFETY AND CRIMINAL INTERDICTION

*A new commercial motor vehicle safety and criminal interdiction plan in 2013 was designed to increase safety on Ohio roads and highways, interdict criminal and life-degrading contraband, as well as protect people and infrastructure from potential domestic and foreign terrorist attacks that utilize commercial vehicles. The program built on existing organizational structures, operations and personnel while it refocused personnel toward the greatest threats to public safety. Three major components of the plan were commercial vehicle safety, criminal interdiction and cargo theft, and homeland security.*

The plan centered on commercial vehicle safety and aimed to improve safety on Ohio's roadways. Baseline commercial vehicle safety training was offered to all personnel. The plan relied on the continued involvement of commercial enforcement units in SHIELD details. A SHIELD Detail combined personnel strength, resources and intelligence efforts of federal, state and local law enforcement agencies to "shield" the local populace from criminals by conducting multi-day, saturation enforcement operations in communities plagued by crime. The Patrol also made investments in infrastructure upgrades at port of entry scales locations that would assist in criminal interdiction efforts.

Personnel were also sent to cargo theft training in order to interdict cargo theft and drug traffickers using commercial vehicles. Commercial interdiction teams were first established in Toledo, Youngstown, Marietta and Cincinnati, and later built out across the state.

The plan's increased focus on comprehensive safety throughout Ohio made homeland security a natural fit for the reprioritization of the commercial vehicle safety and criminal interdiction plan. As the Patrol moved the plan forward, they worked closely with private sector partners such as Limited Brands, CSX Railroad and Nationwide Insurance to share information and resources.

Some of the program's major successes at its inception included several detailed trainings, a partnership with the U.S. Department of Transportation, the formation of District Commercial Interdiction Tactical Squads and the development of the Cargo Theft Task Force.





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## OIU AND OSHP SUCCESSES WITH TRACE BACK INVESTIGATIONS

After integrating the Ohio Investigative Unit (OIU) into the Patrol in 2013, agents began conducting trace-back investigations that focused on finding the source of where alcohol was obtained in violation of the law after a serious crash or fatality. Agents were notified as soon as possible by troopers or local law enforcement across Ohio after they had determined that alcohol was involved in a fatality. This enabled agents to respond to a scene and collect evidence as an investigation began to trace back the source of alcohol.

The OIU had secured federal funding to support the conducting of trace-back investigations that typically occurred outside of an agent's normal shift, and also began developing an informational brochure for local law enforcement officers to call so agents could respond to a scene and assist as needed. Ohio became one of the leading states across the country in conducting trace-back investigations, and was supported by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association.

## 5 MINUTES FOR LIFE



Partnering with the Ohio High School Athletic Association, Ohio National Guard, Ohio Department of Public Safety, the Patrol began the 5 Minutes for Life program in the fall of 2013. The program was an educational campaign to reduce, and ultimately eliminate, the demand for illegal drug use amongst high school students. Troopers and Ohio National Guard members spoke with high school athletes about living a drug-free lifestyle and asked students viewed as role models to encourage their peers to do the same. During the initial fall sports season, the program was delivered to nearly 5,000 teens across the state.

## SRT HAS TWO RECONNAISSANCE ROBOTS

Technology continued to positively impact operations in 2013. Special Response Team camera-equipped robots allowed troopers to see inside a space without being in harm's way, such as a room search without entry. Robots could also open doors, communicate with suspects, deliver products, deploy less than lethal munitions and drag an injured person to safety over rough terrain.

These robots were featured at a robotics competition for high school students, which allowed students to see practical uses for their robotics skills.





## PATROL AND NATIONWIDE INSURANCE PARTNER TO DETER VEHICLE THEFT



Colonel Paul Pride discusses the bait vehicle project with Nationwide Insurance Senior Vice President Dave Bano and Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor, director of the Ohio Department of Insurance.

Nationwide Insurance and the Patrol launched a statewide initiative to curtail vehicle theft in late 2013. Nationwide sponsored a number of bait vehicles, equipped with GPS tracking, in-car video surveillance and remote shut offs, all designed to catch car thieves in the act.

The bait vehicles were placed in several Ohio communities experiencing vehicle theft. The Patrol monitored the vehicles in real-time from a remote location when and where the car thief had taken the bait.

A remote shut-off feature of the bait cars made it very easy for troopers to apprehend the suspects.

Nationwide and the Patrol emphasized the importance of technology in staying one step ahead of criminals who seek to disrupt Ohio communities.

## OSHP 80TH ANNIVERSARY

On the Patrol's 80th's birthday on November 15, 2013, gatherings around the state commemorated the inception of the Patrol, and the thousands of individuals who had played a role in its rich and storied legacy.

In a message from Colonel Pride, personnel were invited to reflect on the heritage and history of the organization and how it represented the commitment and dedication of every Patrol employee to their important work.



## OIU 80TH ANNIVERSARY

The Ohio Investigative Unit celebrated its 80th anniversary on December 23, 2013. As prohibition ended in 1933, the state created an agency to oversee the production and sale of alcoholic beverages called the Department of Liquor Control. The enforcement division conducted investigations into licensed and unlicensed liquor sales locations, while also stopping illegal sales, distribution, and manufacturing of alcohol.

In 1995, the enforcement division was transferred to the Ohio Department of Public Safety, and took on more responsibilities including food stamp and tobacco enforcement. Then in 1999, the enforcement division was renamed the Ohio Investigative Unit. In 2013, OIU was integrated into the structure of the Patrol.

Throughout its 80 years, OIU had been involved in investigating and enforcing cases involving bootlegging, moonshine, illegal gambling, drugs, weapons, underage drinking, prostitution and the sale of alcohol after an alcohol-related crash.





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## **FEWER THAN 1,000 PEOPLE LOST THEIR LIVES ON OHIO ROADS IN 2013**

*Fewer than 1,000 people lost their lives on Ohio's roadways in 2013. This was the lowest number of people killed since the state began keeping records in 1936, when 2,389 people died. Roadway deaths had significantly declined since then and reached a previous low point in 2011 when 1,016 people died.*

Public safety officials believed this decline was the result of several factors including partnerships, enforcement, emergency care, education and engineering. The Patrol's efforts to curb impaired driving definitely made an impact, and Ohio's 84.5 percent safety belt compliance rate also led to fewer fatalities.

Beginning in 2011, the Patrol equalized in importance reducing traffic fatalities and increasing criminal patrol efforts through high-visibility enforcement. The symbol of this effort, Trooper Shield, was developed to challenge all Patrol employees to measure progress one day at a time, one less fatality than the day before, and remove one more dangerous driver from Ohio roadways.

During 2013, troopers had more than 1.5 million contacts with the motoring public, with 62 percent of these being non-enforcement. Officers provided roadside assistance to nearly 300,000 motorists, investigated over 65,000 traffic crashes and removed more than 24,000 impaired drivers from Ohio roadways. Additionally, OVI-related fatal crashes were down significantly and safety belt enforcement was up six percent.

In early 2014, Colonel Pride explained, "There are people alive today – people not suffering from debilitating injuries – because a trooper removed a dangerous impaired driver from the roadway."

Troopers were slowing down during traffic stops to spend additional time with traffic violators. They did this so that they were able to look beyond the initial reason for the traffic stop and identify possible clues of illegal activity or impairment.

Under the Trooper Shield program, criminal patrol efforts were given the same high priority as traffic safety. Troopers rose to the challenge, and during 2013 their efforts led to double-digit percentage increases in the detection of illegal weapons (38 percent) and drugs (26 percent), as well as felony apprehensions (18 percent). While illegal narcotics continued to plague many local communities, the Patrol made great strides in targeting the method of transport and removing these dangerous drugs from the roadways before they reached Ohio's communities.



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## APRIL NAMED RETIREE APPRECIATION MONTH

Ohio State Highway Patrol retirees have historically remained an important part of the Patrol's rich history. To that end, in 2014 Colonel Pride designated April as "Retiree Appreciation Month."

To celebrate the first Retiree Appreciation Month, the Patrol held a Ham and Bean Luncheon at the Training Academy to bring current and retired personnel together.

Later that year, on August 15, approximately 400 people gathered at the Academy for the first retiree cookout.



## FERMINA SANCHEZ RETIRES AFTER 55 YEARS

When Fermina Sanchez began her career with the Patrol in June 1959, Dwight D. Eisenhower was President, Buddy Holly had been killed in a plane crash, Alaska had just become the 49th state, Barbie Dolls made their debut on shelves and a loaf of bread cost 20 cents. She retired in 2014 after working 55 years with the Patrol.

She began in 1959 at just 19 years old as a clerk stenographer 3 at the Warren District Headquarters. Over the years, her title changed to administrative assistant, secretary, secretary 1, executive secretary, and finally administrative professional 4.

For being the longest serving Patrol employee, Sanchez' unit number "4108" was retired to recognize her hard work and service to the Division, an honor typically reserved for the rank of Colonel.



## DEDICATION OF RICHARD AND LINDA ELLSWORTH ETERNAL FLAME

Several hundred family members and friends of the Patrol gathered at the Training Academy on May 9, 2014, to honor 40 officers and five support personnel killed in the line of duty as a part of the annual Ohio State Highway Patrol Memorial Ceremony.

At the event, Ohio Department of Public Safety Director John Born officially dedicated a new eternal flame to Reverend Richard and Linda Ellsworth, who, like the fallen personnel, were called to serve the Ohio State Highway Patrol, and did so by providing guidance and support to those in the Patrol. The flame sits in front of the Patrol Memorial Wall in the Academy Courtyard.



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## **PATROL PROVIDES TRAINING TO SURINAME NATIONAL POLICE AND OTHER INTERNATIONAL AGENCIES**

In partnership with the U.S. Department of the State and the Bureau of International Narcotics and Law Enforcement Affairs (INL), the Patrol entered into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishing the framework for cooperation to support law enforcement and anti-crime efforts abroad.

In April 2014, the Patrol provided Ethics and Leadership in Policing training to the Suriname National Police as they underwent organizational changes to address various issues. In two, one-week trainings in Paramaribo, Suriname, Patrol instructors taught value-based policing, ethics, organizational behavior, leadership, risk analysis and handling police misconduct.

Additional INL trainings sent Patrol staff to Bangkok, Thailand in March 2017 to conduct crash

investigation training for the Royal Thai Police. The Patrol revisited Bangkok in February 2018 to evaluate knowledge the Royal Thai Police had obtained in the 2017 training.

The Patrol also conducted operational and core values training in Guyana and Ghana as part of the INL program.



## **PATROL WINS BEST DRESSED AWARD**

The Patrol was named the 2014 Best Dressed Public Safety Agency for agencies with 2,000-3,000 officers by the North American Association of Uniform Manufacturers & Distributors. The honor was shared with Roy Tailors Uniform Co., of Columbus, and Galls of Lexington, Ky., which stocked the Patrol's uniforms. The Patrol also won the best-dressed award in 2003.

## **OSHP WINS BEST LOOKING CRUISER CONTEST**

The Patrol's Dodge Charger cruiser earned the title of 2014's "Best Looking Cruiser" in a contest through the American Association of State Troopers (AAST) Facebook page. Over 22,000 people "liked" the image of the cruiser, earning the Patrol bragging rights and a spot on the cover of the AAST National Newsletter, Trooper Connection. The cruiser was also featured on the AAST's Best Looking Cruiser 2015 Calendar.





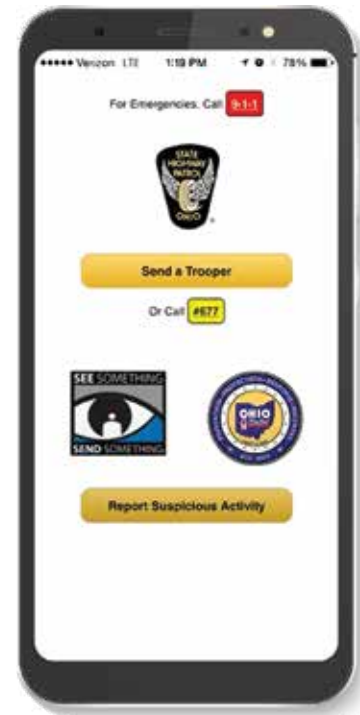
## SAFER OHIO INITIATIVE

*In collaboration with county EMA directors, the Patrol and Ohio Department of Public Safety fully implemented the Safer Ohio Initiative in the spring of 2014, which incorporated a comprehensive strategy of emergency preparedness to enhance the state's readiness before, during and after a critical incident.*



The Safer Ohio Initiative integrated the missions of multiple public safety disciplines to develop collaborative initiatives that focus on safety, service and protection. It also stressed proactive assistance; disbursed, pre-positioned resources; used mapping applications to better identify existing local, regional and state assets; and featured a centralized reporting structure so only one call was needed to reach appropriate state agencies and assets.

One element of the Safer Ohio Initiative was the announcement of the Safer Ohio App. Marking the one-year anniversary of the Boston Marathon Bombing, in marketing for the new app, Homeland Security officials emphasized the public's critical role in solving that case. The Safer Ohio phone app included a "See Something, Send Something"



feature so anyone could report information about suspicious activity, and to further engage the public in contributing to a safer Ohio. The app also had a button for users to request help from the Patrol in a non-emergency traffic situation, in addition to a button that connected to 911. The app was available for free on Apple and Android devices.

The Safer Ohio Initiative also established the Safer Ohio Repository, a statewide information-sharing system for key decision makers and efficient communication with the state Emergency Operations Center. Photos sent through the Safer Ohio app, pertaining to a natural disaster or other significant events, were uploaded to the Hub through a secure web application, and then made available for the monitoring of statewide conditions and situational analysis in real-time.

The Patrol was integral on SafeOhio Teams that filled service gaps in collaboration with local EMA and first responder agencies.

Other Safer Ohio Initiative elements included the formulation of the SafeOhio Red Cross Disaster Response Team as well as volunteer search and rescue teams.





## RESPONSE TO TOLEDO WATER SUPPLY EMERGENCY

Shortly after midnight on August 2, 2014, Toledo issued a “Do Not Consume” order to hundreds of thousands of people who received water from the city of Toledo due to a toxin detected in the water, believed to come from algae in Lake Erie. The 400,000 residents in Toledo, most of its suburbs and a few areas in southeastern Michigan could not drink, brush their teeth with or even boil the water, as it would increase the concentration of the toxin.

Coordinated efforts were critical to helping the affected citizens. The Lucas County and State Emergency Operations Center were activated and an emergency declaration was made by Governor Kasich for Lucas, Wood and Fulton counties. Personnel from six Patrol districts and Aviation were directly involved with helping to facilitate the movement of Ohio National Guard units, Environmental Protection Agency personnel and water samples for testing.



Patrol personnel helped facilitate the movement of Ohio National Guard units, Environmental Protection Agency personnel and water samples for testing during a water supply emergency in Toledo after a “Do Not Consume” order was issued August 2. The order was lifted August 4.

## OIU HONORED BY NATIONAL LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT ASSOCIATION

On October 1, 2014, the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) presented the Ohio Investigative Unit with the Liquor Law Enforcement Public Safety Agency of the Year award. The NLLEA also honored OIU Assistant Agent-in-Charge Robert Boldin with the Liquor Law Enforcement Agent of the Year award.

The NLLEA selected OIU for these awards because of the agency’s trace-back program that allowed for the immediate response of OIU agents to alcohol-related fatalities that occur on Ohio’s roadways. The success of the agency’s work contributed to the decline of alcohol-related fatalities in Ohio by tracing the source of alcohol after an alcohol-related crash or incident, or a situation involving minors and alcohol.



Enforcement Administrator Richard Cologie receives the Public Safety Agency of the Year award from NLLEA President Fredrick Mahony and Vice President Joseph Cannon.



## MEDINA POST DEDICATED TO OHIO HOUSE SPEAKER BATCHELDER

*On November 7, 2014, the Patrol dedicated the Medina Post to William Batchelder, Ohio House Speaker and loyal supporter of the Patrol. Batchelder had been a familiar face to the Patrol for close to 50 years, and became friends with Colonel Chiaramonte through professional interactions.*

These interactions with Colonel Chiaramonte, and the handling of significant events like the Ohio Penitentiary Riots, inspired a deep seeded trust and confidence in the Patrol for Batchelder.

Throughout his tenure in state government, Batchelder was vigilant in learning about the Patrol and championed many pieces of legislation that improved traffic safety enforcement for all law enforcement.

His vast knowledge of the history of the Patrol guided him as a champion in many pieces of legislation, improving traffic safety enforcement for all law enforcement. Speaker Batchelder continually strived to include the Patrol in discussions, crafting legislation dealing with the war on drugs and officer safety. Because of his efforts, it was commonplace to hear, "Where is the Patrol?" when any topic regarding law enforcement or traffic safety was being discussed.



Colonel Paul Pride and Ohio Department of Public Safety Director John Born thank Speaker Batchelder for his support of the Patrol. The Medina Post was dedicated in Batchelder's honor on November 7.

At the dedication of Heritage Hall to retired Colonel Robert Chiaramonte in September 2012, the colonel and Speaker Batchelder share a laugh.





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## LEADERSHIP WING DEDICATED TO THOMAS P. CHARLES

*Past the lobby and through the sunlit south breezeway of the Patrol Training Academy, troopers and visitors alike can find a grand testament to the pride and honor of the Ohio State Highway Patrol. After a year of construction, the Thomas P. Charles Leadership Wing—with a sleek design that smartly emulated the black, gray and yellow tones of the Flying Wheel—was dedicated on November 14, 2014.*



Charles served as Director of Public Safety for two years and Ohio Inspector General for 13. Prior to that, he served 31 years with the Patrol, beginning as a cadet dispatcher in 1963 and ending as assistant superintendent in 1994.

Inside the new Leadership Wing were training rooms and executive offices for administrative staff. An auditorium of nearly 300 theater-style seats faced a glass floor-to-ceiling wall that revealed a grand view of the redesigned courtyard outside. The courtyard featured a new concrete parade deck, repositioned Memorial Wall, flagpole and bell tower, along with the eternal flame.





## NEW DISTRICT STRUCTURE

In July 2015, the Patrol restructured the district map to reintroduce the Warren District, bringing the district number to a total of nine. This established a consistency in command among all the districts and ultimately increased the level of service provided in Ohio's communities. This was accomplished without any additional cost by moving a vacant GHQ captain's position to the field to fill the district commander position.



## TRUCKERS AGAINST TRAFFICKING

The Patrol expanded its commitment to stopping the perpetrators and rescuing victims of human trafficking in the fall of 2015, partnering with Truckers Against Trafficking (TAT).

Human trafficking requires transportation across all highways of the state. Because of truck drivers' prevalence on highways, they were uniquely posed to watch for signs of trafficking and report them to authorities. Ohio became the first state to implement mandatory training in human trafficking for Commercial Driver's License (CDL) holders. Beginning in January 2016, every driver issued a CDL in Ohio received a TAT wallet card, and all new CDL drivers took a one-hour training program.



## PATROL HOSTS NATIONAL CONFERENCES

The Patrol hosted three national conferences in Cincinnati during the summer of 2015, drawing law enforcement from across the country to discuss the most pertinent topics in traffic safety.

The 21st Annual DRE (Drug Recognition Expert) Conference, hosted by the International Association of Chiefs of Police and the Ohio Traffic Safety Office, was August 10-12.



The 25th Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction (MVCI) Conference ran from August 30-September 3. Over 700 people attended to discuss numerous aspects of motor vehicle related crime detection.

And, the 2015 CARE (Combined Accident Reduction Effort) Conference was September 13-17.



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## MOBILE FIELD FORCE DEPLOYED TO CLEVELAND

The Patrol sent a contingent of officers to Cleveland on December 28, 2015, in anticipation of civil unrest after the public release of the grand jury decision on the Tamir Rice case.

Units from SRT, Mobile Field Force, Criminal Patrol, Ohio Investigative Unit and Office of Investigative Services staged at Cleveland District Headquarters. Although protests and demonstrations occurred throughout the city, the field force units did not need to deploy.

## NEW K9 TRAINING PROGRAM



A new K9 training program developed by the Patrol in late 2015 emphasized the understanding between dog and handler, and the first-ever graduate was welcomed into the Division on December 22, 2015. A German shepherd from the Czech Republic was the first dog ever to be chosen, purchased and trained entirely by the Patrol, joining 32 other K9s on the Division at that time.

Before the Patrol's K9 program, outside contractors purchased and trained dogs alone for five weeks before handlers were brought in for the second half of training. In the Patrol program, handlers were

involved throughout the entire 10-week process. By 2016, the Patrol trained and deployed three types of K9s: narcotics detection; narcotics detection and tracking; and explosive detection.

## CLEVELAND DIVISION OF POLICE CLASS GRADUATED FROM THE ACADEMY

Forty-four cadets of the Cleveland Division of Police graduated May 6, 2016, after 21 weeks of training at the Patrol's Training Academy. The class was the first of its kind; Cleveland cadets had never trained outside their city, and Patrol staff had never trained a police department's entire new class of recruits.

"Agencies can't operate in silos," said Cleveland Police Chief Calvin Williams. "We have to have similar training, policies, and procedures, and we have to all know that change is inevitable. We have to embrace it and make ourselves better."







## TROOPER KENNETH VELEZ LINE OF DUTY DEATH

On September 15, 2016, Trooper Kenneth Velez was working traffic enforcement along Interstate 90 in Lakewood when he was struck and killed. A viewing and a funeral took place at Lorain County Community College in Elyria September 21-22. An estimated 3,000 family, friends and law enforcement paid their final respects.

Law enforcement agencies from all over Ohio, the United States and Canada were represented. The funeral procession for Trooper Velez was six miles long, taking more than an hour to pass through Elyria, Sheffield Village, Lorain and Sheffield Township.



Trooper Velez trained with the 118th Academy Class, graduating in November 1989. He was originally assigned to the Canfield Post, and later served at the Elyria Post. He also served in the Warren and Cleveland Commercial Enforcement units prior to his final assignment at the Cleveland Metro Post.

Annually on May 11, personnel from throughout the Cleveland District gather for a beautification project at the highway memorial sign that honors Trooper Velez. The event is called '5/11 Day', which pays homage to Trooper Velez's unit number 511. The event is organized by the Cleveland Metro Post, and mulch and flowers are donated by a local home improvement store.



## PATROL STOCKS NARCAN

By the end of 2016, every state trooper was equipped with doses of Naloxone (wholesaled under the brand name Narcan) to be able to render potentially life-saving aid to a patient who has overdosed on drugs.

Ohio Revised Code changes allowed Naloxone administration in the fight against Ohio's drug overdose issues. Although temporary, the rapid and effective treatment given by troopers, police officers, firefighters, EMTs, and other first responders opened the door to a much-needed opportunity for long-term care and rehabilitation for patients in Ohio.





## REPUBLICAN NATIONAL CONVENTION IN CLEVELAND

*From July 18-21, 2016, Cleveland hosted the Republican National Convention (RNC). Nearly 500 Ohio State Highway Patrol troopers – the largest commitment of resources to a single event in the Patrol’s 82-year history – were assigned to the detail.*

Security planning took two years for what would be the first National Special Security Event political convention in which the host city’s law enforcement agency was under a federal consent decree.

A six-member team worked out of an office in the Federal Courthouse Building in Cleveland every day for three months. They built the structure of the entire detail for the Patrol, the other 21 partnering state and local agencies, and ensured it all synched with the Cleveland Division of Police’s operations plan and its 600 officers assigned to the event.

With large event security having changed significantly in the wake of the 2013 Boston Marathon bombing, law enforcement faced an incredible set of challenges, ranging from world terrorism, mass shootings of law enforcement officers and strained community-police relations across the country.

There were predictions of chaos and violence in Cleveland amidst an already contentious political climate.

A complex process brought more than 1,000 state law enforcement officers from 18 states to Cleveland as part of the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, or EMAC. Through EMAC the multi-law enforcement coalition assembled for the RNC was unprecedented in Ohio, and something never before seen at any previous national convention.

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The Patrol developed a blended plan for 2,100 law enforcement officers from Ohio, 18 states, and municipal officers from Columbus, Ohio, Louisville, Kentucky and Austin, Texas. The plan included making assignments, drawing up schedules and obtaining resources.

For the Ohio troopers, one of the most important missions was security around the perimeter of the venue.

The main RNC venue in downtown Cleveland was the Quicken Loans Arena, where just weeks earlier the Cleveland Cavaliers had celebrated an NBA championship. The victory parade drew an estimated 1.3 million people to downtown Cleveland and served as an unexpected and beneficial test on security officials preparing for the RNC.

Supporting venues within walking distance included the Cleveland Convention Center and the Renaissance Cleveland Hotel. Events were invitation only and were not open to the public. Protesters and any other members of the public were forced to gather at an outside ring separated by seven miles of perimeter fencing and a one-mile chute from the venue to the convention center.

Approximately 50,000 visitors and an international media contingent were expected in the Northeast Ohio area.

As focus transitioned to the operations of the RNC, the Patrol led the multi-state field force. Other priorities shifted to overseeing traffic responsibilities including motorcades and dignitary escorts. Patrol investigators and executive protection staff were responsible for dignitary protection and the venue security, which included the perimeter of the main venue. The Patrol's Special Response Team served as a quick reactionary force inside the perimeter security between the fence and the venue. Ohio Investigative Unit agents worked the bars and teamed up with Cleveland officers and U.S. Secret Service personnel on counter-surveillance teams.

Law enforcement leaders knew if they could gain public support early in the operation then the community would be a terrific asset in helping maintain order throughout the week. They wanted the officers to be seen everywhere and for the community to view them as a nice addition to the city. Even in Cleveland's Public Square, where the largest groups of protesters assembled each day, officers went out without riot gear.



At its peak, approximately 1,000 people gathered in the downtown open area. It was estimated that crowd size included about 400 protesters, but also included approximately 200 law enforcement officers and hundreds of credentialed and independent media members.

In the end, the RNC was the safest political convention in United States history. No gas was used. No broken glass. Instead of helmets and shields, law enforcement stories from the week included a Louisville officer who stopped to break dance with some teens, an Indiana State Police trooper who got in on a ping pong game, and a California state trooper who joined a peace activist who was giving away free hugs.



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## NORTH DAKOTA ASSISTANCE

From October 29-November 15, 2016, 37 troopers deployed to North Dakota to support safety and security operations amidst protests and trespassing on private property regarding the Dakota Access Pipeline project. The troopers worked alongside other state police and private contractors.

The pipeline was intended to transport oil across four states from North Dakota to Illinois, where it would link to other existing pipelines. Members of the Standing Rock Sioux tribe viewed the pipeline as both an environmental and cultural threat. The tribe and the group Stand with Standing Rock were protesting at the location of the construction and called for the re-routing of the pipeline.

The Patrol received a resource request from the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) for the deployment of the Division's Mobile Field Force due to the civil unrest and property damage occurring at the construction site located in southern Morton County, N.D.



## PROTECT DETAILS INTRODUCED

Beginning in the spring of 2016, small groups of troopers partnered with local law enforcement across Ohio for a new Patrol program focused on specific criminal trends in different communities. Each PROTECT – or Prolonged Reduction of Threats by Enforcing Criminal Trends effort, which was an enhancement of the existing SHIELD (Safe Highways Initiative for Effective Law Enforcement and Detection) efforts, lasted eight to 10 weeks.

For example, if local authorities determined they needed OVI enforcement for three hours each week on a specific day, a small contingent of troopers would work alongside local law enforcement and conduct saturation patrols to find impaired drivers. The next day, a bait car may be needed. Two days later, it may have been determined a criminal patrol element was needed, or agents from the Ohio Investigative Unit may conduct compliance checks at liquor permit premises. When necessary, the Patrol's Special Response Team worked with the U. S. Marshals Service for warrant round-ups.



PROTECT started in Cleveland, and expanded into other areas including Chillicothe, Athens, Akron and Cincinnati. Working relationships already in place between the Patrol and other agencies, as well as an effort to avoid depleting resources during a PROTECT detail, led to the program's success.

## INTEL UNIT REACHES 10,000 REQUESTS FOR THE FIRST TIME



Intelligence Analysts in the Patrol's Intelligence Unit were busier than ever in 2016. The volume of requests increased 70 percent from 2015, reaching 10,000 received requests in 2016 for the first year ever.

Analysts spent more time working on long term cases such as homicides, human trafficking, fraud and pharmaceutical crimes in 2016. Those longer-term cases, partnered with the strategic analysis demands for events like the Republican National Convention, kept analysts much busier than in previous years.

To handle requests, analysts relied on information from law enforcement databases and internet research, including social media.





## FIRST DIETICIAN HIRED FOR THE HIGHWAY PATROL

To promote health and wellness for its employees, the Patrol hired its first dietician in 2016.

The dietician was available to answer nutrition related questions to help all Patrol employees meet their nutrition goals. In addition to individualized nutrition counseling, weight control, and conducting Academy physicals, the Patrol used the dietician's knowledge and skills in a number of ways across the state to further promote the health and wellness of employees.



## REVEREND ELLSWORTH RIDES AROUND THE COUNTRY



In honor of his friend, retired Sergeant Robert Gochoel, Reverend Ellsworth undertook a cross-country road trip on his motorcycle in 2016. Members from his church pledged money for each mile of the trip he completed, all to be donated to the family of Sergeant Gochoel for medical expenses.

He began his trip by stopping at the Patrol's Training Academy to see the cadets, and then

headed west.

For the first leg of his trip, Rev rode his Harley Davidson Tri-Glide west from Columbus to San Luis Obispo, Calif. As Rev started out on Interstate 70, three troopers escorted him to the Indiana line. There, two Indiana State Police officers escorted him across Indiana.

Rev made it to Camp San Luis Obispo on September 12, where as a young man he had spent approximately four months in amphibious training leading up to his deployment to Europe in WWII.

Rev got as far as Tulsa on his way back east when he heard Trooper Kenneth Velez had been killed in the line of duty. He postponed the eastern portion of his trip and instead headed home.

On October 29, Rev set out on the second leg of his sea-to-sea tour.

All told, Rev traveled 6,603 miles over 17 days.

## OIU'S MONE NAMED NATIONAL LIQUOR LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENT OF THE YEAR

Ohio Investigative Unit Agent Daniel Mone was honored by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) with the NLLEA Liquor Agent of the Year Award on September 9, 2016.

Agent Mone was awarded this honor for his commitment to public safety. He was involved in several life-saving incidents, including one where he jumped an interstate barrier and stopped an impaired, wrong-way driver.



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## **WIRELESS ACCESS POINTS ADDED TO POSTS**

By December 16, 2016, wireless access points were deployed to all Patrol posts, which eliminated the need for troopers to manually connect cruisers to hitching posts for dash camera video uploads.

Previously, troopers manually connected network cables to a cruiser to initiate video uploads and then disconnected the cable prior to leaving the post. The new wireless system allowed troopers to transfer video files from the vehicles to the post in a more efficient manner.



## **DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS 50TH ANNIVERSARY**

The brass and percussion band, started under Colonel Chiaramonte, celebrated 50 years of music in 2017. The Patrol's Drum and Bugle Corps had played at nearly every colonel promotion, memorial and graduation ceremony since its inception.

Members of the Corps served as ambassadors for the Patrol, and played an average of 10 performances a year, including community celebrations and memorial services such as the

National Peace Officer's Memorial, the Greater Cleveland Memorial, Waterville Community Concert, Orient Military Memorial, CanAm Games, Tuskegee Airmen Salute and the Ohio State Fair.

Music adds a sense of ceremony and dignity at a graduation, mourning and remembrance at a funeral, and celebration and levity at a holiday gathering.

## **AUXILIARY 75TH ANNIVERSARY**

The Patrol Auxiliary marked 75 years of volunteer service to the Patrol in 2017.

The Auxiliary was established by Colonel Lynn Black when commissioned patrolmen began leaving home to serve during World War II. Members of the American Legion formed the OSHP Auxiliary, which allowed many Patrol posts to stay open to handle office duties 24-hours a day.

Since 1942, Auxiliary members assisted troopers at crash scenes, provided traffic control disaster relief and performed special detail support. In their 75-year history, they logged more than one million hours.



Operation T.R.I.A.D.D., targeting reckless, intimidating, aggressive and distracted drivers

## OPERATION TRIADD REINSTATED

*TRIADD, which stands for Targeting Reckless, Intimidating, Aggressive and Distracted Drivers, was reintroduced into Patrol operations during 2017.*

The initiative focused on driving behaviors in metropolitan areas with high volumes of traffic. These areas were often congested, where traditional enforcement tactics were more challenging.

The objective of TRIADD was to reduce urban area traffic crashes by targeting enforcement and collaborating with local law enforcement partners, the media and the Patrol's Aviation section.

Commanders allocated resources according to crash and crime data. From there, they created operational plans that targeted crash-causing violations. TRIADD enforcement periods took place at designated locations for three-hour blocks – either 6 to 9 a.m. or 3 to 6 p.m. – for three months. During those times, units on the ground and in the air worked targeted areas.

## OHIO ASSIST CREATION



In 2017, the Patrol made a significant commitment toward addressing mental health with the launch of Ohio ASSIST (Aiding Safety Services with Incident Survival Techniques). The program featured three and a half day post critical incident seminars available to all first responders, with the goal to help them cope with the aftermath of traumatic or critical incidents.

During each seminar, participants talked about their incident, discussed addiction and relationship issues, learned about fear and coping and met with clinicians with public safety experience. There was no charge to the participants or their agency, and participants were able to bring a support person. In its first six years, 18 Ohio ASSIST seminars included 476 first responders and support individuals, including best friends, family members and spouses. Ohio ASSIST crisis awareness training came at no cost for agencies and groups across the state.





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## 161ST AND 162ND CLASSES GRADUATE AS THE TWO LARGEST CLASSES IN PATROL HISTORY



The two largest graduating classes in Patrol history earned their commissions in 2017.

On March 24, the 85 members of the 161st Class surpassed the record set in 2013 by the 153rd Class, made of 81 graduates.



That record only lasted a few months. On September 29, the 162nd Class took the record when its 87 members graduated.

## PATROL HOSTS MINORITY CONFERENCES



The Patrol hosted several prominent conferences in 2017 to promote minority leadership in law enforcement.

The 2017 Women's Leadership Conference in May provided employees with an opportunity to network, foster teamwork and participate in conversation. This was the first Women's Conference in Patrol history.

On October 5, Professional Football Hall of Fame Offensive Tackle Anthony Munoz told the attendees of the Hispanic Leadership Conference, that what made his offensive line successful while he played for the Cincinnati Bengals, was the diversity. He spoke about teamwork and leadership to personnel from the Ohio National Guard, as well as officers from the Cincinnati Police Department and Cleveland Division of Police.

Then in 2018, the Patrol continued its commitment to minority leadership investments in hosting the 2018 African American Leadership Conference.

## PATROL AWARDS



Several honors were earned by the Patrol in 2017.

In February, the Patrol was presented with the Outstanding Opioid Investigative Effort Award from the Drug Enforcement Administration. The national award stemmed from Operation Loaded Deck, which targeted a large-scale, violent drug trafficking organization affecting the Cleveland area. The cartel was importing large quantities of heroin, cocaine, marijuana and fentanyl from Juarez, Mexico to several U.S. cities, including Cleveland.

On June 7, the Special Response Team, along with the Columbus and Mansfield police departments, received the Ohio Tactical Officers Award for Unit Valor for bravery shown by officers during a 27-hour tactical incident that involved multiple agencies.

Ohio Investigative Unit Agent Andrew J. Bouza, Toledo District Office, was honored by the National Liquor Law Enforcement Association (NLLEA) with the NLLEA Liquor Agent of the Year award in August. Agent Bouza was awarded this honor for his willingness and determination to go above and beyond working on undercover investigations including narcotics, nudity and prostitution violations in liquor permit premises.

And several Patrol members were presented awards during the 27th Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction/EPIC (EL Paso Intelligence Center) National Awards Conference. Among those honored were Sergeant Shaun O. Smart - National Instructor Recognition Award; Public Safety Intel Analyst Scott M. Basom - National Intel Analyst of the Year; Sergeant Stacy L. Arnold-Yerkes - 2016 National Criminal Interdiction Officer of the Year (the first female to receive the award); and Captain Richard L. Meadows - EPIC Directors Award.



## PRECISION IMMOBILIZATION TECHNIQUE TRAINING

The new Precision Immobilization Technique (PIT) course for all staff lieutenants and below in 2017 provided a tool for law enforcement that was specifically designed as an intervention tactic.

The objective behind the maneuver was to stop a pursuit before it went extensive distances or reached high speeds. The overall goal was to immobilize the fleeing vehicle so it was no longer a threat to the public or the officers in pursuit, while attempting to minimize damage to both vehicles involved.

The Patrol's Training Academy implemented a course derived from the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy, Fairfax County Virginia Police curriculum, NASCAR and Anti-Terror Techniques.

In order to utilize the PIT maneuver, a Division officer had to be trained in its use, receive prior approval from a supervisor, have a back-up officer present to assist and be at a speed of 40 mph or less.



## ATHENS POST DEDICATED TO COLONEL BORN

September 18, 2017, the Athens Post was dedicated to retired Colonel John Born.

Retired Colonel Born's career began at the Athens Post in September 1987, after graduating from the Patrol's Training Academy as a member of the 117th Academy Class. As a trooper and through each promotion, retired Colonel Born was dedicated to the betterment and the safety of the Patrol, as well as the state of Ohio. He was appointed colonel in January 2011.

As colonel, he reprioritized criminal patrol, elevating it to the same mission level as highway safety. In three years, the Patrol interdicted more

than \$147 million in drugs and contraband. He streamlined operations by merging homeland security, intelligence and communication through the creation of the Hub.

He also merged the Ohio Investigative Unit with the Patrol's Office of Criminal Investigations. This move made Ohio a national leader in trace-back investigations of alcohol violations, which contributed to alcohol-related fatalities.

In 2013, he retired from the Patrol and Governor John Kasich appointed him to be Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety.



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## **PATROL WELCOMES REGIONAL CHAPLAINS**

In November 2017, Reverend Richard Ellsworth welcomed five new chaplains into the Patrol with the establishment of the regional chaplaincy program.

The new chaplains were resources for district commanders and their staff.

They underwent extensive training that included Patrol history, an introduction to Ohio ASSIST/MAT Team, and learning about field operations and criminal investigations.

## **TACTICAL FLIGHT OFFICER POSITION ADDED**



*In September, the Aviation Unit added a tactical flight officer (TFO) position. The position was responsible for the coordination between ground units and the pilot during missions requiring the use of a camera. TFOs operated the camera system, using it to identify targets and direct units to that location.*

In the past, Patrol pilots were cross-trained as TFOs, but to provide support for all districts, the section added the new specialty position. With a TFO, pilots could dedicate their time to supporting the districts and law enforcement agencies who needed them.

## **STATEWIDE PHONE NUMBER FOR HEARING IMPAIRED CALLERS**

In December 2017, to address concerns about the reliability of telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDD) in use at the field level, the Patrol created a new singular statewide number for use by the deaf and hearing impaired.

The Columbus Communications Center handled all calls to this line, in addition to calls from all over Ohio on behalf of local agencies. This new number allowed the state to provide better customer service to the public since the deaf and hearing impaired would no longer have to wait to be transferred on the TDD system.





## OHIO LAUNCHES FIRST DISTRACTED DRIVING CORRIDOR



As a part of Distracted Driving Safety Awareness month in April 2018, Ohio launched its first distracted driving safety corridor along Interstate 76 and 80 from Mahoning to Trumbull County.

The idea behind Distracted Driving Corridors started in the Warren District during 2016, when the Ashtabula post commander started writing notes in his cellphone that included key phrases to draw attention to the distracted driving problem. As the post area was experiencing a high number of fatalities, it especially hit home for the commander after responding to a serious crash involving a

distracted driver. He started his distracted driving corridor mission by looking at the data from the Patrol's Statistical Analysis Unit (SAU).

All those factors converged and led to the implementation of the first distracted driving corridor in Ohio. It was made possible due to the partnership between the Patrol and the Ohio Department of Transportation as an initiative to reduce distracted driving crashes, injuries and fatalities.

The corridor was adorned with signs that told motorists when they were entering and exiting the corridor. There were also signs that read, "How Important Is That Text?" and, "Don't Text and Drive." Other signs along the corridor counted the number of days since the last serious crash.

The Warren and Canfield Patrol posts used federal grant funding for enforcement by troopers who looked for violations such as speeding, lane violations and following too close, which could be attributed to distracted driving. The goal was to reduce crashes and dangerous driving behaviors which would ultimately save lives.

## NEW AUXILIARY STORE

On July 27, the Auxiliary opened a new Auxiliary Store located inside the Patrol's Training Academy. The new location includes a showroom to display merchandise available for purchase.

## MCEIS WILSON RECEIVES NATIONAL RECOGNITION

In August, Patrol Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Supervisor (MCEIS) Brian K. Wilson, Cleveland District, along with his team finished first place during the inspection competition at the 2018 Annual Commercial Vehicle Safety Alliance, North American Inspectors Championships. The Team Award members consisted of MCEIS Brian Wilson and participants from British Columbia, Missouri, Nebraska, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, Vermont and Washington.

## REGIONAL PATROL SERGEANT SMART EARNS NATIONAL HONOR

Sergeant Shaun O. Smart was awarded the National Instructor of the Year at the 28th Annual Motor Vehicle Criminal Interdiction (MVCII) Training Conference in August. The MVCII training conference provided criminal interdiction training to officers from the United States, Canada and abroad. Retired Lieutenant Colonel Michael D. Black was also honored with the EPIC Directors Award.



## FUGITIVE SHAWN CHRISTY APPREHENDED

*On September 16, 2018, Pennsylvania fugitive, Shawn Christy, crashed a stolen vehicle and fled on foot in the Mansfield area a mile north of the Mansfield Post. It would be five days until Christy was apprehended.*

A joint fugitive task force led the search and investigation for Christy, who had multiple arrest warrants in Pennsylvania for burglary, probation violation and failure to appear for an aggravated assault case. He had threatened to use, “full lethal force on any law enforcement officer that tries to detain me.”

In June, a federal warrant was issued for Christy after he was accused of making online threats to a Pennsylvania county district attorney and against President Donald Trump. Christy had eluded Pennsylvania and federal authorities since June.

The Mansfield Post became a command center for the joint fugitive task force, consisting of the U.S. Marshals Service, FBI and Secret Service, as well as local law enforcement. During the next five days, the Mansfield Post hosted approximately 100 law enforcement officers.

The Aviation Unit, canine units from the Bucyrus, Cleveland and Columbus districts, and Bucyrus District investigators, crash reconstructionists and infrastructure specialists supported the investigation and search efforts.

The Special Response Team (SRT) was activated shortly after the vehicle was found. SRT acted as the lead for the ground search, through thick brush, traversing hills, drop offs and swamps.

Authorities knew Christy would hide during the day in wooded areas and then at night he would look for unlocked vehicles with keys inside.

Christy’s family had a Facebook page, stating he was a political prisoner. Fans of the page shared locations of the search and even radio traffic on social media.

Tips, leads and evidence found by officers and canine units, such as items he left behind, led searchers to his location. Ultimately, Christy was spotted in a ravine and taken into custody.

The search and interagency cooperation reinforced already strong relationships with federal and local law enforcement agencies.





## KENT STATE OPEN CARRY RALLY

On September 29, troopers from the Warren District and surrounding districts, and the Special Response Team (SRT), along with the Mobile Field Force (MFF), were deployed to Kent State University (KSU) to provide assistance for an open carry rally being planned by KSU alumna Kaitlin Bennett. The mission of the Patrol was to ensure the safety and security of everyone who attended the event.

Concern was expressed about the large interest the event was gaining, not just from proponents, but from those who had opposing views.

Approximately 300 federal, state and local officers were deployed and available to assist with a variety of protection and security-related missions. These missions included perimeter security in and around KSU, a tactical team presence within the perimeter, explosive detection K9 sweeps, and crowd management and civil disturbance.

Commanding officers directed troopers to stay professional and display a courteous demeanor amongst the public. The units were encouraged to be very visible and have open dialogue with students, attendees and KSU staff.

Several Patrol personnel involved in this detail were also integrated in the 2016 Republican National Convention and the MFF deployment to North Dakota. Participating in these prior events gave troopers the knowledge of how to prepare for and handle the KSU rally.

Interactions with the attendees, faculty and news media were positive. With a concern due to the significant events in KSU's history and the Ohio National Guard, those who attended were appreciative of the response to assure safety.



## NEW K9 TRAINING FACILITY OPENS

On December 17, 2018, the Patrol opened its first canine training facility in Marysville. The three-building facility was a centralized location for the Patrol's canine operations and training programs.

The main building was a classroom for students, administrative offices, dorm room areas and locker rooms for troopers. The dorms gave troopers the option to stay at the facility while they were being trained, which cut down on hotel costs for the Division and other agencies sending officers in for training. Housing officers on site also gave them the capability to spend more time bonding with their canine after training hours.

The second building was a kennel facility with 10 runs where the canines were housed. It was equipped with a grooming area, a bathing station and other resources for the canines who were staying there.

The third building was where training and imprinting took place. This is where the canines were trained on different narcotic and explosive odors, as well as tracking and article search disciplines.







***On March 15, 2019, Colonel Paul A. Pride retired as the 18th superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol after three decades of public service. He had served as superintendent since July 31, 2013, when he was appointed by Director of Public Safety John Born and Governor John Kasich.***



**Colonel Paul A. Pride**

Colonel Pride joined the Patrol in 1989 as a member of the 118th Academy Class and was assigned to the Marietta Post. In 1990, he received the Patrol's Superintendent Citation of Merit Award. As a trooper, he was selected as both Post and District Trooper of the Year in 1992. During his career, he served at the Marietta, Gallipolis and Jackson posts. In 2006, he was promoted to captain of the Cambridge District until he returned to the Jackson District in 2007.

Colonel Pride was promoted to the rank of major in 2011. He was charged with the responsibility to replicate the success of the Jackson District criminal interdiction program and elevate the program into a statewide core mission for all state troopers.

From 2011 until his retirement, troopers removed more than \$486 million in illegal drugs and contraband from Ohio highways, and ultimately Ohio communities. This included more than 38,000 pounds of illegal drugs and more than 500,000 doses of narcotic pills. In 2012, he was promoted to the rank of lieutenant colonel and served as an assistant superintendent.

In 2016, the Ohio Attorney General presented him with the Distinguished Law Enforcement Service Award. He was inducted into the Buckeye Boys State Hall of Fame in 2017 and was awarded the Ohio Association of Chiefs of Police President's Award in 2018 for building law enforcement relationships in Ohio.

Colonel Pride earned an Associate of Applied Science degree in law enforcement from Ohio University. He completed Northwestern University's School of Police Staff and Command and training at the FBI's National Academy.

Prior to joining the Patrol, Colonel Pride served seven years in the United States Marine Corps.





Throughout his career and his time as superintendent, Colonel Pride's vision for criminal patrol efforts was integral to the program's success. His direction to troopers was always simple: stop cars, talk to people, sell traffic safety and look beyond the original reason for the traffic stop for any signs of criminal activity.

Under his leadership, the Criminal Patrol program grew into an international model for law enforcement and an essential component of the Patrol. Criminal patrol baseline training was provided to every trooper and more than 2,600 officers from 215 law enforcement agencies, expanding the program beyond the Patrol. An in-house canine training program began in 2015, and in 2018, the Patrol's Canine Training Facility opened in Marysville. The Advanced Criminal Interdiction Roadside Training program was established, which further educated Division officers and law enforcement partners on the trends associated with narcotics and contraband trafficking.

Colonel Pride deeply believed in cooperative partnerships. Inter-agency operations such as Safe Highways Initiative for Effective Law Enforcement and Detection (SHIELD) and Prolonged Reduction of Threats by Enforcing Criminal Trends (PROTECT) including state, local and federal law enforcement agencies were established to focus on traffic and criminal activity issues to improve the quality of life in Ohio. He also established the Ohio Law Enforcement Executive Summit (OLEES) bringing together police executives around the state to discuss and solve challenges currently facing law enforcement.

In 2016, Colonel Pride led the Patrol during the Republican National Convention (RNC). He authorized the largest commitment of personnel and resources for a single event in the Patrol's history. There were nearly 500 troopers deployed to Cleveland to work with outside officers to make the RNC a success. The partnerships created with law enforcement agencies are what helped make the outcome of the RNC a positive one. Colonel Pride knew going in that it marked a significant opportunity to change the public narrative about law enforcement and show who they really are.

He established Ohio ASSIST (Aiding Safety Services with Incident Survival Techniques) - a statewide program that works with safety service partners to provide follow-up care and resources to safety service personnel. Colonel Pride believed that Ohio ASSIST was an invaluable asset to all first responders in Ohio. Mental health has a major impact on a person's success at work and their overall quality of life.

The Patrol's accomplishments during his superintendency were of historic proportions. Troopers made more OVI, seatbelt, drug and illegal weapons arrests than any other time in Patrol history. During the same time, fatal crashes and violent crime continued to decline. The Patrol also experienced unprecedented growth; including the graduation of the three largest Academy classes, expansion of the Crime Lab, the opening of the Akron Post and investment in equipment and technologies.





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## **HISTORY MADE AS COLONEL RICHARD S. FAMBRO AND LIEUTENANT COLONEL MARLA K. GASKILL ARE PROMOTED**



***Ohio made history on March 18, 2019, with the promotion of Colonel Richard S. Fambro as the 19th Ohio State Highway Patrol superintendent, making him the first African-American to hold the office.***

During his swearing in ceremony, Colonel Fambro spoke on his promotion being a testament to opportunity within the Division. He said he never dreamed of being a trooper, let alone the superintendent.

Colonel Fambro began his career as a cadet dispatcher, eventually becoming a cadet in 1989 as part of the 119th Academy Class. His first assignment was at the Dayton Post, where he was selected as Post Trooper of the Year in 1994.

As he moved through the ranks, he took positions in various offices throughout the Patrol. He was an assistant district commander, worked in the Office of Investigative Services, Office of Special Operations, Office of Criminal Investigations, Office of Planning and Analysis and the Office of Personnel. Colonel Fambro also served as the Patrol spokesperson from 2003 to 2004.

At the same promotion ceremony as Colonel Fambro, Marla K. Gaskill was promoted to lieutenant colonel, making her the first female lieutenant colonel in the Division's history.

Lieutenant Colonel Gaskill said that she had always wanted to be a trooper, and began her Patrol journey similar to Colonel Fambro. She began her work in the Patrol as a cadet dispatcher at the New Philadelphia Post, and graduated from the Academy in 1990 with the 119th Class alongside Colonel Fambro. After earning her commission, she was assigned to the Wooster Post and later transferred to the Aviation Section, making history by becoming the Patrol's first female pilot.







## JACKSON POST DEDICATED TO RETIRED COLONEL PRIDE



On June 21, 2019, the Patrol's Jackson Post was dedicated to retired Colonel Paul A. Pride.

Throughout his career and his time as superintendent, retired Colonel Pride's vision for criminal patrol efforts was integral to the program's success. He directed troopers to simply stop cars, talk to people, sell traffic safety and look beyond the original reason for the traffic stop for any signs of criminal activity.

"I doubt there is anyone in the Ohio State Highway Patrol who doesn't know how I feel about our organization," said retired Colonel Pride at the

dedication ceremony. "When I graduated the Academy and earned my commission, I was filled with a sense of pride. But when I was appointed as the superintendent, it left me with a feeling of great humility. I am honored to have had a small role in our rich heritage."

## NEW FACILITIES OPEN



When the new Akron Post opened on February 18, 2018, on the University of Akron's campus, it was the first post in the state located on a college campus. The building's location provided quick access to interstate highways and high traffic corridors. The post, which employed 24 troopers along with professional staff when it opened, was also home to the Ohio Investigative Unit's Akron office, and agents assigned to Summit County from the Cleveland office of the U.S. Secret Service.

On November 20, 2020, the Patrol's new Toledo Post opened on the campus of the University of Toledo, making it the second post to co-locate on a university campus with a university police department. The post moved from its Swanton location, where it had existed for the previous 59 years. The Patrol shared the new location with the Ohio Investigative Unit and the University of Toledo Police Department. The joint location lessened operating costs for the Patrol and university police, allowing them to share resources and assets. The new location also provided increased security around the campus area.



In November 2019, the Patrol opened its new Warren District and Post facility in Southington. The original Warren Post was established in 1935, moved to a new location in 1951, and was designated as District Headquarters in 1953. In 2006, the Warren Post was dedicated to Colonel Kenneth B. Marshall, the 12th superintendent of the Patrol.



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## **VIRTUAL REALITY CRASH RECONSTRUCTION**

*Using grant money provided by the Traffic Records Coordinating Committee and the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, the Patrol began utilizing virtual reality crash reconstruction technology in 2019 as a supplement to physical crash reconstruction.*

The virtual crash scene worked using a 3D scanner which sent a laser beam to measure millions of points. The scanner took photos and integrated and colorized the points so everything was picked up with a higher degree of precision. The end result was a 360-degree crash reconstruction scene. Video from nearby surveillance cameras could also be included and allowed reconstructionists to track traveling speeds and other factors leading up to a crash.

This was especially important when there was a fatality and no witnesses because it gave the investigator the perception of the driver who was hit and a more comprehensive understanding of what was taking place at the time of the crash.



## **DIVERSITY ADDED AS THE 10TH CORE VALUE**

As part of the launch of the 2020-2024 Strategic Plan on September 18, 2019, Colonel Fambro announced the Patrol was returning to the original nine Core Values, with the addition of Diversity as the tenth.

The Division's Core Values were Adaptability, Attention to Detail, Diversity, Honesty, Officer Safety, Performance Driven, Professionalism, Self-Discipline, Sense of Urgency and Team Oriented.



## PATROL LAUNCHES OSTATS PROGRAM

OSTATS (Ohio Statistics and Analytics for Traffic Safety) was developed by the Geographic Information Systems team in the Patrol's Statistical Analysis Unit. During the program's development, a group of post commanders helped test OSTATS in the field and provided suggestions and feedback.

Their insight ensured the program was practical and useful. OSTATS was launched internally on September 27, 2019, and the public version was launched on October 9.

The intent behind creating OSTATS was to assist commanders and first-line supervisors to better direct resources by gaining insight from collected data. It provided a quick way for units to get statistics and allowed users to view and interact with the data in their area in the form of maps, charts and graphs. OSTATS also offers the ability to look at the crash data compared to the enforcement data. By using these reports, units can analyze whether or not they are working where and when crashes are happening and adjust operations accordingly.

The public version allowed users to access crash data from 2014 to the current date. OSTATS provided the public, media and fellow safety service partners information about their areas and across the state. OSTATS could be accessed anywhere by clicking on the statistics tab on the Patrol's web site.

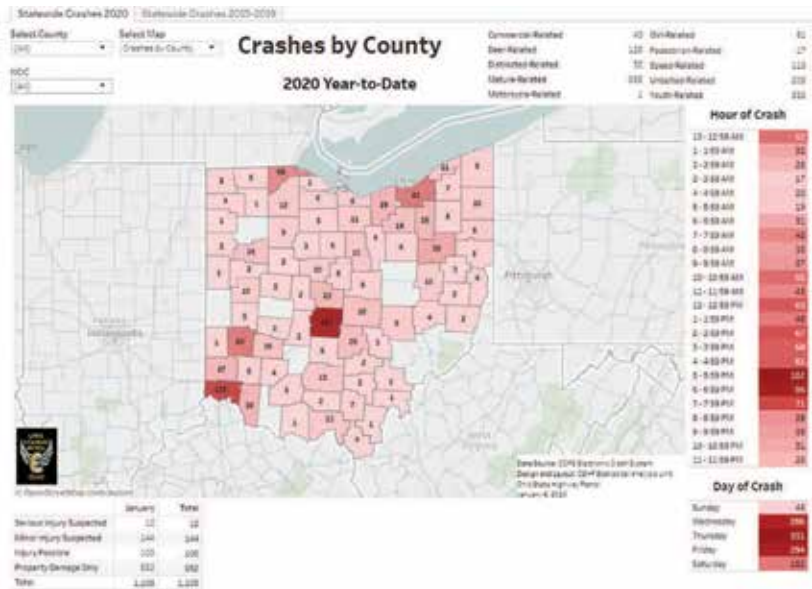
OSTATS continued to expand through the next several years. Dashboards allowed users to access interactive statistics and maps using Ohio crash data. Specific dashboards were created on high-priority traffic safety issues, including OVI, work zone safety, distracted driving and safety belts.

## REMEMBERING MCEI KIMRA SKELTON

November 27, 2019, Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector Kimra Skelton, was killed in the line of duty after being struck while parked in a crossover on Interstate 75 in Miami County.

Along with public safety partners from the Miami Valley region, representatives from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration, Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, Indiana State Police, Michigan State Police, Missouri State Highway Patrol and the Wisconsin State Patrol attended the funeral.

MCEI Skelton joined the Patrol in 2005 as a traveling dispatcher assigned to the Piqua District Headquarters. In 2011 she transferred to the Piqua Driver License Examination Station as a Driver License Examiner. Late in 2016, she was promoted to a motor vehicle inspector before becoming a Motor Carrier Enforcement Inspector in 2017.







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## COVID-19

As part of its COVID-19 pandemic response starting in March 2020, the Patrol modified its primary focus to provide essential assistance to local communities, while also meeting the needs of public safety partners.

Patrol personnel almost immediately shifted operations and began participating in food distributions and partnered with schools, community groups and other government agencies. The Patrol's Auxiliary earned national recognition for its work with agencies throughout the state to fill the need of delivering meals to at-risk and elderly people during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Beginning March 16, Governor Mike DeWine implemented teleworking protocols to safeguard employees during the COVID-19 pandemic. Because his directive included non-sworn personnel, many professional staff were issued equipment and asked to work from home.

During the first few weeks, Patrol tailors reported once a week to the Alum Creek facility to conduct fittings by appointment and make alterations.

With the Center for Disease Control's recommendation of face coverings, tailors modified their operations and began making face coverings in mid-April, with the project continuing into the summer. More than 2,700 face coverings were made from a poly-cotton blend of gray material.

On March 30, the Patrol Training Academy doors were closed for training for the first time in Patrol history. Within a week, Academy staff prepped the 42 cadets and 62 basic class members for their participation in distance learning, another first for the Patrol's Training Academy.

Learning from home was a challenge for both the cadet class as well as the basic class. Academy staff had to work within the guidelines of the Ohio Peace Officer Training Academy (OPOTA) curriculum to ensure they were providing certified information to members of the two classes. A list of classes, which could be completed through Zoom, were approved through OPOTA, making the transition to distance learning possible.

Graduation ceremonies for several cadet classes and basic classes were held virtually during the pandemic. To allow families to still celebrate the occasions, Patrol Public Affairs staff collaborated with the Ohio Channel to produce live streaming broadcasts of the virtual graduation ceremonies.

On April 15, Governor DeWine announced a statewide collaboration with the Patrol, which would expand its partnership with Columbus-based Battelle. Sanitizing N-95 masks for first responders, including law enforcement agencies and EMS providers, became a primary focus.

Agencies sealed their used masks and dropped them off to their local Patrol posts. Each Friday,





troopers took the masks gathered to Battelle to be sanitized. Once sanitized, the masks were returned to Patrol posts where the agencies could pick them up.

Troopers also conducted critical medicine relays to include Remdesivir from the Ohio Department of Health to areas across the state.

In total, the Division participated in 442 details and security missions related to the pandemic, many of those details, like meals on wheels, were continuous missions for those in need.

Each May, Patrol members gather to remember those who were killed in the line of duty. With mass gatherings of 10 or more people prohibited due to COVID-19, the way the Patrol honored the fallen could not be done in person. It was important to Colonel Fambro that the fallen members and their families were honored properly.

On May 8, 2020, at 1 p.m., the previously scheduled day and time the Patrol would have held the ceremony, a moment of silence took place at the Patrol Training Academy in its place. As Colonel Fambro stood in Leadership Hall overlooking the memorial, a trooper stood guard and saluted the black granite wall where names of the Patrol's heroes are engraved. Outside, troopers encircled the Academy perimeter in 35 Patrol vehicles. Mourning bands were displayed on two cruisers parked in front of the Academy.

A Patrol helicopter from the Aviation Unit conducted a flyover in a symbolic missing man formation.

Knowing the Patrol family could not physically gather, a video was also created with Colonel Fambro narrating.

Similarly, the Patrol was forced to conduct its 2021 Memorial Ceremony virtually.

On May 18, 2020, Governor DeWine announced the Ohio Investigative Unit would enforce the Ohio Department of Health Dine Safe Ohio orders. The Dine Safe Ohio orders permitted restaurants to reopen on May 21, 2020, for full, dine-in service so long as all workplace safety standards were met, including social distance and capacity requirements. To help enforce these orders, agents conducted compliance checks and assisted local officials and boards of health in issuing citations. Agents were assisted by local law enforcement agencies and the Ohio Casino Commission.

Throughout the state, troopers worked alongside law enforcement, fire and EMT personnel to give back to their communities. In recognition of those efforts, each week personnel coordinated #inthistogether photos with local first responders. The photos were posted on social media and published in the *Flying Wheel* magazine, showing the partnerships and commitment to communities.



## CIVIL UNREST

*Throughout 2020, the Patrol's Criminal Intel Unit and Ohio's primary Fusion Center, the Statewide Terrorism Analysis & Crime Center, provided critical Intel support and threat assessments related to protests tied to COVID-19 and social justice across Ohio.*



The Intel Unit provided detailed threat assessments on protests, demonstrations and other events that could disrupt business at the Statehouse and the Capitol Square area. This threat information, as appropriate, was shared with the Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board director, the Department of Administrative Services Security Administrator, the Ohio House of Representatives and Senate Sergeant-at-Arms, and the Columbus Division of Police.

As demonstrations intensified and became civil disturbances requiring law enforcement intervention, the Patrol ensured the safety of those who gathered to be heard in a peaceful manner and protected property. Troopers made it clear they would not tolerate violence, vandalism and other criminal acts within our jurisdiction.





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Within days of the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis on May 25, 2020, large protests had spread throughout many cities in the United States, including Columbus. Large groups in downtown Columbus destroyed windows and looted businesses. Vandalism from a group of approximately 500 protesters around the statehouse included 12 broken windows on the first night of large-scale demonstrations.

During the first night of protesting in Columbus other state buildings were also damaged. Troopers were sent to the Supreme Court building where protesters tried to take the huge gavel from in front of the building. The damage at the Supreme Court consisted of spray paint and broken windows and lights. The Ohio Department of Health building was also vandalized by spray paint.

As the days and protests continued, thousands of protestors lined city streets. It became evident to Patrol senior leadership the required security detail of troopers from around the state, including Mobile Field Force, would be a long-term commitment.

On June 18, a group of protesters put red handprints around the statehouse, including the front steps, parts of the white columns and walls. Also written in red paint was the phrase, “Hands up. Don’t shoot.”

As the summer of 2020 continued across the country, monuments depicting the Confederacy began to be taken down or torn down. Other monuments came into question as well, including that of Christopher Columbus.

There were 10 statues and monuments on the statehouse grounds, many of which became the target of protesters.

While troopers were guarding the statehouse on the ground, the Patrol’s Aviation Unit was also watching from the sky. The Aviation Unit monitored the activity from the air and relayed information to commanders. During the protests, aviation flight crews were targeted five times by people pointing lasers at the aircraft.

The Aviation Unit also assisted in Akron, Boardman, Cleveland, Cleveland Heights, Cincinnati, Newark, Springfield, Warren and Youngstown during protests in those communities.

Troopers throughout the state also assisted county and local jurisdictions in many locations around Ohio. The Patrol was engaged in support or collaboration of 795 demonstrations in more than 178 cities in Ohio – and 250 of those demonstrations saw state troopers responding in person to work side-by-side with local law enforcement.





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## **WOMEN'S MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

From its onset in January 2020, the Women's Mentorship Program focused on creating an environment where women could thrive within the Patrol. It was geared toward female troopers, enforcement agents and police officers so female employees could have mentors to be a sounding board, to shadow and to discuss different career paths within the Division.

The six goals for the program were enriching successful careers, fostering skills for future leaders, facilitated personal development, networking, investing in the workforce and to support inclusive organizational culture. Women have different obstacles in the workforce, and so an additional goal of the program was to improve retention by helping women learn which steps have worked for other women within the organization.

At the start of the program, mentors and mentees met for coffee and ride-alongs. When COVID-19 hit, they adapted and communicated through text messages, Microsoft Teams meetings, Facetime and other means.

## **PATROL HOSTS STATEWIDE DIVERSITY TRAINING**

In 2019, every Patrol employee attended diversity training as a major step toward supporting the Patrol's commitment to diverse individuals and talents of people within the Division. This first statewide diversity training was the initial step in a multifaceted approach to champion a more inclusive organizational culture.

Training was led in a small group, dialogue-based format, which allowed for a sharing of ideas and perspectives that would have been absent in a lecture format. Discussions focused on American history, police legitimacy and procedural justice to help start an ongoing dialogue concerning organizational culture.



## **STACC'S FRIENT RECOGNIZED FOR PRIVACY PROTECTION EXCELLENCE**

Excellence and innovation in the protection of Privacy, Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (P/CRCL) in fusion center operations led to Heather R. Frient earning the 2020 National Fusion Center Association Privacy, Civil Rights, and Civil Liberties (P/CRCL) Award as part of the 2020 NFCA virtual conference on December 10, 2020.

Frient had worked at the Statewide Terrorism Analysis & Crime Center (STACC) since 2018, as the Privacy & Compliance Officer. In that time, she became a nationally-recognized subject-matter expert in P/CRCL issues impacting fusion centers and was an integral part of the success of the STACC and the Ohio Fusion Center Network.

## **TROOPERS RESPOND TO THE OHIO STATEHOUSE**

As a direct result of the events that occurred in Washington, D.C. on January 6, 2021, the Patrol strategically prepared for possible civil unrest at the Ohio Statehouse following the certification of elections in January 2021. This strategic preparation made up the largest contingent security detail in the Division's history.

Multiple intelligence reports, social media chatter and other behind the scenes information led Patrol leadership to use and exercise an abundance of caution to ensure Ohioans were safe.

The combined contingent totaled several hundred troopers, including the Mobile Field Force, Ohio National Guard, and Ohio Air National Guard personnel. Also integral to the formation of the large security contingent was the unmatched level of teamwork of LEADS personnel, professional staff and intelligence analysts for Operation Iron Wall.







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## REMEMBERING DISPATCHER ANTHONY D'APOLITO

Dispatcher Anthony J. D'Apollito, of the Canfield Dispatch Center, passed away while on duty on March 17, 2021.

Dispatcher D'Apollito started his Patrol career in June 2007 as a dispatcher assigned to the Warren Post. In June 2008, he transferred to the Lisbon Dispatch Center. In August 2012, he transferred to his assignment at the Canfield Dispatch Center. Dispatcher D'Apollito was selected as Post Dispatcher of the Year in 2010 and 2018.

He was remembered as a co-worker, family member, and a beloved friend to so many.

Dispatcher D'Apollito always put his units first, making sure that they were taken care of during critical incidents, and taking the time to talk to them afterwards. He was admired for the positive relationships with other dispatchers on his shift, as well as from other departments.

## TROOPERS DEPLOY TO MINNESOTA



Following the death of George Floyd in Minneapolis, Minnesota, on May 25, 2020, the city was preparing for the end of the trial against Derek Chauvin – a former Minneapolis police officer on trial for the murder of Floyd.

Knowing the jury would soon be reaching a verdict, Minnesota Governor Tim Walz reached out to Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, and Minnesota State Patrol Colonel Matt Langer contacted Colonel Fambro. Each requested Ohio troopers to help keep the people of Minnesota safe and to protect property, all while ensuring individuals could exercise their constitutional rights.

Ohio's 100 state troopers, and a contingent from the Nebraska State Patrol, were sworn in on the morning of April 20, 2021, at the Minnesota Statehouse, and immediately began patrols on statehouse grounds. Another group of troopers went back to their hotels to prepare for what could've been a tumultuous evening following the release of the jury verdict. The Patrol had platoons both inside and outside the Minnesota Statehouse, which at that time was experiencing little activity in the area. As the day went on, it was released via media that a verdict would be announced later in the day.

Patrol leadership said that "the verdict dictated what happened," and "no one knew what to expect." When the verdict came out, Chauvin was found guilty on all counts. Troopers claimed that "There was a calmness and you could see a shift in tension" after the release of the verdict.



## REVEREND HURLBERT APPOINTED AS STATE CHAPLAIN



*On May 24, 2021, Colonel Fambro appointed Reverend Philip A. Hurlbert as the Patrol's state chaplain.*

Upon taking the assignment, Reverend Hurlbert recognized and honored the significant achievements made by Reverend Ellsworth in his 30 years serving in the capacity as state chaplain. He expressed gratitude for the chaplaincy program started by Reverend Ellsworth, and planned to maintain his ministry of presence, while progressing it further.

"The ministry of presence is a central principle to what we will do," Reverend Hurlbert said. "Being present means being there for the good times. Establishing that relationship. We want the troopers to know who we are on the good days, so we can be a better help to them on the bad days."

He had been a regional and district chaplain for the Patrol since 2007, so he had significant familiarity with the Division's ministerial needs.

## ASSISTANCE TO LAW ENFORCEMENT AT THE TEXAS BORDER

In response to a request for assistance from Texas Governor Greg Abbott, Ohio Governor Mike DeWine authorized a contingent from the OSHP to respond to Texas to assist local law enforcement with border surveillance.

A total of 14 troopers and supervisors traveled to Texas in July for a two-week assignment.

During the deployment in Eagle Pass, Texas, Trooper Ian E. Lowry and Texas State Trooper Joseph S. Lopez encountered a woman who suffered a leg amputation while attempting to jump onto a moving train. Troopers Lopez and Lowry applied two tourniquets and stayed with her until she was transported to the hospital, where she was stabilized. For their actions in saving the woman's life, Trooper Lowry received a Directors Award and Trooper Lopez received a Lifesaving Award.



## ACADEMY ACCREDITATION

In July 2021, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies (CALEA) conferred national accreditation to the Patrol's Academy. At that time, the Patrol was only the fifth state highway patrol or state police agency in the country that had an accredited academy. For the Division, Academy staff, and the citizens of Ohio, this national accreditation reinforced that the Patrol had one of the best training academies in the country and were conducting law enforcement training at an elite level.

For basics and Patrol cadets, that accreditation lent credibility to their training. Additionally, the accreditation added to the credibility of trooper's positions when they were testifying in court or appearing as a subject-matter expert in an official law enforcement capacity because they knew their training was nationally certified and met all standards.



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## IMPLEMENTATION OF VMAT

On the eve of the 20th anniversary of 9/11, Colonel Fambro announced a new branch of the Members Assistance Team (MAT) specifically for veterans called VMAT. Key resources were immediately available on an internal intranet site to assist veterans with handling the unique challenges they faced due to serving in the military.

VMAT was comprised of Division veterans from different wars and eras who were specifically trained to meet the mental wellness needs of veterans who had served or continued to serve our country. VMAT members were peer trained through

the International Critical Incident Stress Foundation (ICISF), which allowed Division employees to have privileged conversations with a VMAT member, protected by the Ohio Revised Code.

In addition to VMAT, veterans had access to resources from the local, state and federal levels. U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs benefits and services were available that could be accessed on the site privately and discretely from Division-issued electronic devices and from mobile computers in marked cruisers.



## DRIVE TO LIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM

The education of young drivers continued to be a strong avenue to safer roadways in 2021 when the Patrol unveiled its DRIVE (Decisions, Responsibility, Invest, Value and Educate) to Live program, which provided impactful opportunities for troopers and students to engage in candid dialogue on key topics, including safety belt usage, distracted, impaired, and aggressive driving behaviors.

Intended to positively impact our youth and engage in conversations about good decision-making, DRIVE to Live was geared toward meeting teens where they were, and listening with a focus toward their future. The success of this program impacted Ohio's youth in a positive manner and built relationships between students and those in public safety.

Through structured group settings, the program's conversational format provided students with information and tools to DRIVE through life safely. Topics of conversation include decision-making, traffic safety and drug education. Each session was led by a local Ohio State Highway Patrol officer in collaboration with a local law enforcement officer or soldier when available.

The program was offered through in-person sessions, or through a virtual program option for those students engaged in distance learning with the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. During the 2021-2022 school year, the Patrol conducted 154 events that positively impacted 15,499 youth.







## BODY WORN CAMERAS

*An important new addition to the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Professional Operations toolbox was the introduction of body worn cameras, which troopers began wearing in November 2021.*

For nearly 30 years, troopers had been on video during their daily work, with cruiser-mounted dash cameras capturing traffic stops, acts of service and the Division's commitment to safe roadways. The use of dash camera video had been crucial for documenting evidence as well as showing the public value produced by Ohio State troopers.

An important aspect of the video captured by the Patrol is the transparency it provided to the public, which built further trust in troopers' operations and daily activity. The body worn cameras were an enhancement to the Patrol's video capabilities and an additional technological advancement to highlight the public value of Ohio State troopers.



## AAMVA AWARDS



The Patrol's Vehicle Theft and Fraud Unit received the American Association of Motor Vehicle Administrators (AAMVA) law enforcement agency award for Fraud Prevention and Detection.

The award came for the Patrol's efforts in creating a program with the Ohio Clerk of Courts that established a method of combatting auto title fraud across Ohio. It targeted the cloning of stolen motor vehicles and the use of fraudulent titles to remove active liens from vehicle titles, resulting in several recoveries of stolen vehicles and the arrests of those involved.



The Patrol also earned the International Fraud Prevention and Detection Award for law enforcement agencies.

The Patrol's Auxiliary earned the 2021 AAMVA award for Community Service. The Auxiliary was honored for its work with agencies throughout the state to fill the need of delivering meals to at-risk and elderly people during the initial months of the COVID-19 pandemic.

And, the Patrol's Statistical Analysis Unit (SAU) earned a 2021 AAMVA award for Innovative Use of Technology. SAU earned AAMVA honors for its work on the Ohio Statistics for Analytics and Traffic Safety (OSTATS) series of internal and public-facing dashboards developed by the unit's Geographic Information System team. The dashboards provide a quick way for field commanders to get crash and activity statistics in an interactive environment to help them better direct resources.



***On August 12, 2022, Colonel Richard S. Fambro retired as the 19th superintendent of the Ohio State Highway Patrol after more than three decades of public service. He had served as superintendent since March 16, 2019, when he was appointed by Director of Public Safety Thomas J. Stickrath and Governor Mike DeWine.***

Colonel Fambro will be best known for leading the Patrol through the COVID-19 pandemic and social justice demonstrations. His tenure was defined by his mantra “Service with Respect.”



**Colonel Richard S. Fambro**

As he stated many times, never in the history of the Patrol had we faced such enormous opposing obstacles simultaneously and on multiple fronts. As part of the COVID-19 pandemic response, Colonel Fambro modified our primary focus to provide essential assistance to local communities while also meeting the needs of our public safety partners.

Patrol personnel participated in food distributions and partnered with schools, community groups and other government agencies. Troopers provided additional security to Ohio prisons, mask relays to Battelle to ensure clean masks were available to first responders and critical medicine relays to include Remdesivir from the Ohio Department of Health to areas across the state. In total, Division personnel participated in 442 details and security missions related to the pandemic.

Throughout 2020, the Patrol’s Criminal Intel Unit at Ohio’s primary Fusion Center, the Statewide Terrorism Analysis & Crime Center, provided critical intel support and threat assessments related to demonstrations tied to both COVID-19 and social justice across Ohio.

As demonstrations intensified and became civil disturbances requiring law enforcement intervention, the Patrol was there to ensure the safety of those who gathered to be heard in a peaceful manner, and protect life and property.

Under Colonel Fambro’s leadership, the Patrol was engaged in support or collaboration of 795 demonstrations in more than 178 cities in Ohio. In 250 of those demonstrations, state troopers responded in person to work side-by-side with local law enforcement.

Colonel Fambro championed diversity, equity and inclusion to improve the Patrol’s diverse workforce and emphasize the importance of equal and intrinsic value of all employees. He adopted the value engagement approach, and added Diversity to the Patrol’s core values to ensure it was equally weighted along with the Division’s other foundational principles. He also established the Cadet and Women’s mentorship programs.

Colonel Fambro firmly believed in celebrating and preserving the legacy of our trailblazers, which led to the decision of dedicating two classrooms in the Patrol’s Training Academy. The first classroom to Patrolman Louis D. Sharp, who was the first African-American to complete





Academy training and be commissioned as an Ohio State Highway patrolman. The second classroom to Lieutenant Colonel Gil Jones, who was the first African-American to be promoted to a supervisory position. He continued to rise through the ranks to become the Patrol's first African-American lieutenant colonel.

Colonel Fambro prioritized employee wellness throughout his tenure as superintendent. The Mental Health and Wellness tab on the internal Gateway allowed Division employees to immediately connect with the Members Assistance Team (MAT), chaplains, and/or find a support network. As a parallel program, the Veterans Members Assistance Team (VMAT) was developed to assist veterans and active military service members by providing mental health resources tailored to their unique needs and experiences.

Colonel Fambro led through the creation of innovative dashboards on traffic safety available for law enforcement across Ohio, as well as the public, to positively impact traffic safety and highway crime. The nationally award-winning series of dashboards were devoted to crashes, work zone safety, distracted driving, safety belts and impaired driving.

In July 2021, the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies conferred national accreditation on the Ohio State Highway Patrol's Training Academy. The Patrol became only the fifth state highway patrol or state police agency in the country that had an accredited academy at that time.

His commitment to community engagement inspired the development of the DRIVE to Live program that impacted more than 15,000 of Ohio's youth in the program's first six months. DRIVE is an acronym for Decisions, Responsibility, Invest, Value and Educate, and provides a forum for teens to discuss and understand positive and negative consequences regarding safety and decision making.

An important new addition to the Patrol's Professional Operations toolbox was the introduction of body worn cameras, which troopers began wearing in November 2021. Colonel Fambro believed an important aspect of the video captured by the Patrol was the transparency it provided to the public, which built further public trust in troopers' operations and daily activity.

Colonel Fambro firmly believed enhancing education is a valuable tool and will accelerate job performance - allowing innovation as the employee develops professionally. As such, he implemented educational requirements for uniformed officers and Ohio Investigative Unit personnel for promotions into various command-level positions.

He transformed operational collaboration with the introduction of SERVICE initiatives. Service with Respect while Valuing Inclusion and Community Engagement became the Patrol's methodology for the systematic use of partnerships and problem-solving techniques to proactively address the immediate conditions that give rise to public safety issues such as crime, social disorder and fear of crime.

Colonel Fambro ensured every trooper understood SERVICE is about collaborative community partnerships between the Patrol and the people and organizations the Patrol serves across Ohio. SERVICE initiatives occurred in every Patrol district, utilizing detailed statistical analysis and mapping, and local crime knowledge from our law enforcement partners, to identify crash and crime trends.

Over the last year of his administration, Colonel Fambro continued to invest resources in collaboration with numerous law enforcement partners across the state. These efforts, driven by local needs and supported through detailed statistics, strengthened relationships, positively affected crime rates and overall traffic safety, and provided Ohio citizens with peace of mind.







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## COLONEL JONES BECOMES 20TH SUPERINTENDENT



Colonel Jones with State Representative Haraz N. Ghanbari (left) and State Representative Kevin D. Miller (right).

On August 12, 2022, Charles A. Jones was promoted to Patrol superintendent and sworn in by State Representative Kevin D. Miller and State Representative Haraz N. Ghanbari after the retirement of Colonel Richard S. Fambro on the same day.

Colonel Jones began his Patrol career in 1994 as a member of the 126th Academy Class. He held many roles including positions within the Office of Personnel; the Office of Training, Recruitment, and Diversity; the Columbus District Criminal Patrol Unit; and the Marion and Delaware Posts. He also spent a significant amount of time serving the Patrol Academy as a sergeant, staff lieutenant, captain and major.

Colonel Jones completed training at the FBI National Academy in 2005, and earned a bachelor's degree in public administration from Mount Vernon Nazarene University.

## FAMILY ADDED AS THE 11TH CORE VALUE

On August 15 in one of his first acts as superintendent, Colonel Jones added 'Family' as a foundational core value.

"As a society, we have been reminded of many things over the past few years, one of them being the importance of family," Colonel Jones said. "This includes our personal families, and our active and retired Patrol family. They are the ones we celebrate

our successes with and lean on during our difficult and hard times."

Colonel Jones added that when he thought of family - presence, encouragement and support immediately came to mind.

The 11 core values were weighted equally and listed alphabetically.

## SERVICE WITH A PURPOSE

Also on August 15, Colonel Jones noted the Division had always taken pride in being purposeful, knowing the presence of its personnel was an opportunity to serve with the most-sincere intentions, always being reflective in each person's work.

With that in mind, the new Service with a Purpose logo debuted, containing the Flying Wheel and a historical marker noting the Division was established in 1933.

Colonel Jones defined Service with a Purpose as, "The reason behind our actions and duties. It is our motivation to continue doing our life's work. We make decisions which are influential and offer a sense of direction."



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## UNIFORM POLICY CHANGE



On October 14, 2022, Colonel Jones implemented a change to the Patrol's uniform policy which became effective immediately. The new policy said current troopers and potential applicants were permitted to wear the long sleeve uniform shirt to cover tattoos.

A great deal of thought and discussion went into this historic change to the uniform policy. Ultimately, it resulted in the Division providing the opportunity for people with visible tattoos to become employed as an Ohio state trooper.

Future employees with tattoos that would be visible when wearing a short-sleeved uniform shirt would be required to wear long sleeves all year.

The change was received overwhelmingly well. The Division saw an increase in trooper applicants with visible tattoos coming to the agency following the policy change.

## 40 YEARS OF AGE

Another significant event that bolstered recruitment efforts came in December 2022 with the passage of House Bill 23, which changed the entry age for Ohio state troopers to 40 years old from age 35.

Before the change, applicants could not join past their 35th birthday to be a trooper. In eliminating this barrier to recruitment efforts, applications almost immediately started coming in from qualified candidates beyond the age of 35 who had the knowledge, skills and abilities to be state troopers.



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## IMPACT 23

A comprehensive operational direction called Impact 23 was the Patrol's roadmap for delivering effective public safety services in 2023.

Impact 23 incorporated collaboration, operations and technology in ways the Division could make a difference in Ohio communities. The following three areas of focus highlighted Impact 23's reach.

Every district fully integrated substance abuse referral services into their everyday impaired driving enforcement and Criminal Patrol operations. Troopers worked to mitigate recidivism by offering behavioral health referrals to everyone arrested for an impaired driving or other drug-related offense. This referral project was unique because it attacked the problem on a statewide scale as opposed to looking at it as a local issue. No other state at the time was doing it this way.

The Patrol incorporated the Handle with Care program; a trauma-informed, cross-systems, collaborative program. It aimed to ensure that children who were exposed to adverse events received appropriate intervention and had opportunities to build resilience through positive relationships with teachers and first responders.

Human trafficking persisted as a silent epidemic in 2023 throughout the country. In response to this terrible practice that ruined lives while supporting other areas of crime including drug trafficking, weapons violations, child abuse, and innumerable other atrocities, the Patrol brought its full weight and resources to bear on this problem.

## FAMILY-FOCUSED 90TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS



Instead of a traditional gala to mark the Ohio State Highway Patrol's 90th anniversary in 2023, Colonel Jones wanted to focus on all-inclusive family events.

Beginning in the spring, and continuing throughout the year, each post hosted a 90th anniversary open house. These events invited the public in to see Patrol facilities, showcased the Division's history and provided recruitment opportunities for potential applicants.

Each open house also featured a partnership with Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Ohio, whereby families could sign-up their children for a free book program.

In addition to the post open house celebrations, each district hosted a celebration that only involved direct patrol family and retirees. These District-level events throughout the summer furthered the Family core value.

Other forms of commemoration included 90th anniversary license plates on all marked cruisers and a specially-designed 90th anniversary uniform pin worn by all sworn officers.

## MENTAL HEALTH ROLL-CALL

Noting the critical importance to take care of every member of the Patrol family, beginning in January 2023, all employees began completing monthly mental health and wellness roll-call training developed by the Office of Personnel.

Utilizing an internally developed and maintained intranet Mental Health and Wellness site, all employees were guided to a multitude of different topics relating to mental wellness and self-care. Each month, the roll-call training highlighted a different aspect of the Mental Health and Wellness site.





## **EAST PALESTINE TRAIN DERAILMENT RESPONSE**

On February 3, 2023, a Norfolk Southern train derailed near East Palestine. The 50-car train crashed while carrying hazardous materials, causing a fire that burned for several days. Five of the derailed train cars were carrying vinyl chloride.

With the community in crisis, the Patrol responded.

The Aviation section flew first responders over the scene, which allowed them to see what was going on from above. A video downlink was provided to first responders and local government officials, for their viewing from the aircraft.



Troopers were deployed to traffic control points so people could not endanger themselves or disturb the crash site.

Contentious large community forums were held for concerned community members. The Mobile Field Force was utilized three times to ensure safety at those events, so members of the community could gather and exercise their constitutional rights, as well as voice their frustrations.

The Public Affairs Unit was critical to shaping the messaging and communications. East Palestine Mayor Trent Conaway did not have a public information office or officer to coordinate traditional and social media when Division public information officers arrived. A regional public information officer was assigned directly to the mayor's needs and assisted with social media and navigating all of the national media inquiries.

When there were threats against local officials of East Palestine, Patrol intelligence analysts completed threat analyses to help protect those local officials so they could continue to protect their community.

## **FIRST STATE OF THE PATROL**

On March 31, 2023, Colonel Jones delivered the first State of the Patrol speech from the Leadership Auditorium at the Patrol's Training Academy. During his remarks, Colonel Jones addressed significant accomplishments and discussed future strategic Division goals.

The address was livestreamed to Patrol facilities across Ohio, and made available to retirees around the country. Members of the General Assembly and

local, state and federal partners were also in attendance.

Colonel Jones believed it was important to speak to all Patrol personnel and retirees about all of the great things that had been accomplished in the past year. He also wanted to use the occasion to detail upcoming plans. He stated his hope was that the State of the Patrol event would become an annual tradition.



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## NEW VISION AND MISSION STATEMENT

Colonel Jones used the State of the Patrol address to announce new Vision and Mission statements that were part of the Division's new strategic plan for 2023 through 2026. The new statements resulted from a reimagined role for the Patrol in 21st Century law enforcement.

The new Vision Statement:

*Providing service with a purpose to positively impact the quality of life and safety throughout the State of Ohio.*

Paired with that, the new Mission Statement:

*The Ohio State Highway Patrol provides unbiased, professional public safety services through inclusion, collaboration, and innovation.*

## PATROL TRAINING ACADEMY CLASSROOM DEDICATIONS

Colonel Jones continued the tradition of honoring the Patrol's trailblazers by dedicating three Training Academy classrooms in 2023: Trooper Dianne Harris (first female sworn officer) – April 14; Lieutenant

Colonel Marla Gaskill and Major Lisa Taylor (first females to achieve those senior staff ranks) – May 10; and Retired Superintendents – June 15.

## DAYTON POST DEDICATED TO COLONEL FAMBRO



On June 22, 2023, the Patrol dedicated the Dayton Post to retired Colonel Richard S. Fambro. Fambro was the Patrol's first African-American superintendent and served the Division for 33 years, from 1989 to 2022.

In his time as superintendent, Fambro led the Patrol through the COVID-19 pandemic and challenges from social justice demonstrations. Despite these challenges, his tenure in office was defined by his mantra "Service with Respect."

When he was young, he never dreamed of being a trooper, let alone the superintendent. He then went on to serve the Patrol three years as the 19th superintendent. Fambro's history and numerous roles throughout the Patrol serve as a testament to the opportunity within the Division, something he fostered while serving as superintendent by supporting minority initiatives and inclusivity.

## GRANVILLE POST DEDICATED TO RETIRED LIEUTENANT COLONEL CHARLES



One of the Patrol's highest honors was bestowed on retired Lieutenant Colonel Thomas P. Charles on June 28 when the Granville Post was dedicated in his name.

Charles spent 31 years with the Patrol, serving in numerous leadership capacities up to his service as lieutenant colonel. Following his retirement in 1994, he went on to become Ohio's longest-serving Inspector General from 1998-2011. He also served as Director of the Ohio Department of Public Safety from 2011-2013.

At Charles' retirement following 51 years of state service, Ohio Governor John Kasich said, "No single Ohioan has done so much to keep Ohioans safe and enforce the law as Tom Charles."

## HIGHWAY DEDICATIONS 2009-2023

4/7/2009 – FRANKLIN COUNTY - U.S. ROUTE 62 –  
PATROLMAN JERRY R. NEFF MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*January 30, 1974, Patrolman Neff,  
Circleville Post, was struck by a reckless  
driver operating a stolen vehicle.*

4/7/2009 – FRANKLIN COUNTY – INTERSTATE 270 –  
TROOPER JODY S. DYE MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*July 5, 1985, Trooper Dye, Granville Post,  
was placing fuses to warn traffic of a  
crash when he was fatally struck.*

4/7/2009 – FRANKLIN COUNTY – INTERSTATE  
270 – TROOPER WENDY G. EVERETT MEMORIAL  
HIGHWAY  
*August 5, 1988, Trooper Everett, Circleville  
post, was outside her patrol car completing  
an investigation when she was struck by a  
hit-skip driver.*

9/23/2011 – WYANDOT COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 103  
– TROOPER ANDREW C. BALDRIDGE  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*February 4, 2010, Trooper Baldrige,  
Bucyrus Post, was killed when his  
cruiser drove off the side of the road and  
rolled over.*

3/13/2013 – HARRISON COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 800  
– TROOPER GEORGE CONN MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*September 27, 1937, Patrolman Conn,  
New Philadelphia Post, was killed by  
assailants. The investigation of this  
case laid the foundation for the Patrol's  
Investigation Section.*

3/22/2013 – HANCOCK COUNTY – STATE ROUTE  
15/STATE ROUTE 37 – PATROLMAN DAVID L.  
STERNER MEMORIAL INTERCHANGE  
*February 25, 1973, Patrolman Sterner,  
Findlay Post, was pursuing a speeding  
motorist when another driver pulled across  
his path. Trying to avoid a collision with  
the vehicle, he lost control of his patrol car  
and crashed.*

3/23/2015 – HOCKING COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 328 –  
PATROLMAN CARL "SHORTY" THRUSH  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*February 6, 1972, Patrolman Thrush,  
Athens Post, was responding to a crash  
when his vehicle hit an icy patch  
and crashed.*

3/23/2015 – CLARK COUNTY – INTERSTATE 70 –  
TROOPER CHARLES V. VOGEL, JR.  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*January 24, 1980, Trooper Vogel,  
Springfield Post, was investigating a series  
of crashes on Interstate 70 and U.S. Route  
68. He was assisting crash victims when he  
was struck by another vehicle.*

3/23/2015 – WYANDOT COUNTY – U.S. ROUTE 23 –  
SERGEANT JOHN F. BEST MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*June 17, 1935, Sergeant Best, chief of patrol  
radio operations, Findlay, was electrocuted  
while testing a receiving set at the  
broadcasting station.*

04/06/2017 – CUYAHOGA COUNTY – INTERSTATE 90  
– TROOPER KENNETH VELEZ MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*September 15, 2016, Trooper Velez,  
Cleveland Post, was conducting traffic  
enforcement when a vehicle struck and  
killed him.*

10/22/2017 – COSHOCTON COUNTY – STATE ROUTE  
541 – RETIRED MAJOR DAVID D. STURTZ – OHIO  
INSPECTOR GENERAL DAVID D. STURTZ  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*Retired Major David D. Sturtz was honored  
with a highway dedication for his 31  
years of service to the Patrol. After his  
retirement he was appointed Ohio's first  
inspector general.*

5/15/2018 – ERIE COUNTY – OHIO TURNPIKE –  
TROOPER ROBERT PEREZ JR. MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*May 12, 2000, Trooper Perez, Milan post,  
was fatally injured when his patrol car  
was struck from behind during a  
traffic stop.*

8/24/2020 – TRUMBULL COUNTY – STATE ROUTE 7 –  
PATROLMAN JAMES A. FREDERICKA  
MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*May 1, 1953, Patrolman Fredericka, War-  
ren, was responding to a traffic crash on  
April 30, 1953, when he was involved in a  
traffic crash. He died eight days later of  
injuries suffered in the crash.*

10/6/2020 – WOOD COUNTY – OHIO TURNPIKE –  
SERGEANT FREDERICK A. RABY SIGN DEDICATION  
*September 1, 1990, Sergeant Raby,  
Swanton Post, was struck on the roadside  
during a traffic stop, ending his Patrol  
career.*

5/25/2023 – MIAMI COUNTY – INTERSTATE 75 –  
MOTOR CARRIER ENFORCEMENT INSPECTOR KIMRA  
J. SKELTON MEMORIAL HIGHWAY  
*November 27, 2019, MCEI Skelton, Piqua  
District, was parked in a crossover when  
her vehicle was struck.*

